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Elections Board Translates Voting Documents Into Spanish and Hmong for 2006 Elections

Madison, WI – For the first time, the Wisconsin State Elections Board Friday made voter registration forms and applications for absentee ballots available in Spanish and Hmong. The documents were translated for Wisconsin voters whose primary language is not English.

“Wisconsin’s population is more diverse, but the State’s commitment to the democratic process and inclusion remains the same,” said Kevin Kennedy, executive director of the Elections Board. “It is important to encourage citizens in as many ways as possible to register, vote and help steer their governments.”

The Voter Registration Application (EB-131) and Absentee Ballot Application (EB-121) are now available on the homepage of the Elections Board website at <http://elections.wi.gov>. Other materials translated from English to Hmong and Spanish will also be promoted to the public and posted to the website as they become available.

About 8 percent of Wisconsin’s population speaks a language other than English at home, according to American Community Survey estimates. More specifically, Wisconsin currently has approximately 180,000 residents who speak Spanish at home, and about 21,000 residents who speak Hmong at home.*

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**See the U.S. Census Bureau website at <http://factfinder.census.gov> for more information.*

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