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County Needs 400 Additional Poll Managers for Nov. 2 Election

Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration hiring for multiple poll manager positions

The <u>Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration (BEVR)</u> is in need of 400 more <u>poll managers</u> in order to adequately staff precincts throughout Charleston County for Election Day, which will be held on Nov. 2, 2010.

"Poll managers have a unique opportunity to serve the community, meet their neighbors and become involved in the democratic process," said Marilyn Bowers, BEVR's Executive Director.

Poll managers are compensated \$120 (\$60 for training and \$60 for working on Election Day) for each election they work. The poll manager must work Election Day to be paid for the training session.

"If we can get 400 more managers, that would give us 1,075 total," Bowers said. "We conducted the June Primary Election Day with 780 after about 120 expected workers either canceled or did not show up."

Election Day duties include: processing of voters, ballot distribution, activation of the voting system machines, compliance with election law and procedures, and general voter assistance.

Applicants must be:

- A registered voter in Charleston County or an adjoining county (Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown or Colleton County). Although not registered voters, students ages 16 and 17 may apply as well.
- Willing and able to attend a Poll Manager Training Session (two to three hours in length) and pass a written certification test.
- Prepared to work the entire Election Day, from 6 a.m. until approximately 7:30 p.m.
- Non-partisan and neutral when working an election.

TO APPLY FOR A POLL MANAGER POSITION:

Visit http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/D-Vote_PollMgr.htm to download an application and employment verification form.

For questions, contact BEVR by e-mail at electionworkers@charlestoncounty.org or by phone at (843) 974-6421.