

## HERE IS THE DUE DILIGENCE ABOUT THE ELECTIONS GROUP (TEG) THAT THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION (WCEC) WON'T TELL YOU ABOUT

- The Elections Group's RFQ (request for qualifications) gave few qualifications (website is similar):
  - No list of satisfied customers or what TEG did for them
  - No client contacts with whom WCEC can talk to gauge working relationship, performance.
  - No listing of "partners" or "deep election experience" which it claimed in RFQ.
  - Website: Non-TEG "partners" will execute the work per "Our Approach;" all work done remotely.
  - Big supporters of vote-by-mail, ballot drop boxes; both sources of election issues nationwide.
  - Nothing from WCEC that they did due diligence research on group before voting to accept TEG.
- Budget for the project has now ballooned from \$50k (per Duda) to \$100k (per TEG). One WCEC commissioner voted against using the group partly because of this budget explosion.
- Firm CEO – Jennifer Morrell – works as consultant with [The Democracy Fund](#), a center-left voter registration and mobilization group created by the [Democracy Alliance](#), a network of highly influential funders within the Democratic Party and the political Left.
  - She is an elections consultant for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), a federal agency within the Department of Homeland Security originally intended to protect pipelines and other critical infrastructure from cyberattacks, but which has been caught expanding its mission to surveil and censor Americans' speech on social media.
    - A 2023 report from the U.S. House Judiciary Committee titled "[The Weaponization of CISA: How a 'Cybersecurity' Agency Colluded with Big Tech and 'Disinformation' Partners to Censor Americans.](#)" outlines collusion between CISA, Big Tech, and government-funded third parties to conduct censorship by proxy and cover up CISA's unconstitutional activities.
  - She is a graduate of the [Election Center](#)'s Elections Registration Administrator program, an organization that has done significant work promoting the use of mail-in balloting, which the 2005 Carter-Baker Election Commission affirmed is the [most fraud-prone method of voting](#).
  - In a media interview she was against a county bringing in an independent auditor to perform a post-election audit, but she sells the same as an agency service. She affirms the 2020 election "was a great election" and "the media has done a great job" reporting on it.
- Firm president – Noah Praetz – formerly ran elections in Cook County, Illinois (Chicago). He also works with the Government Coordinating Council (GCC), an affiliate of [CISA](#).
- The Elections Group has multiple connections to the [Center for Tech and Civic Life](#), a Chicago-based center-left election reform advocacy group that pushes for left-of-center voting policies and election administration. It has a wide reach into local election offices across the nation and is funded by many left-of-center funding organizations. This is the entity to whom Mark Zuckerberg and wife donated a total of \$350M "Zuckbucks" in 2020 that became questionable grants to thousands of county and city election officials. A controversial move, it drew major media coverage and public criticism.
  - The firm has been active in branding poll watchers who might question precinct activity and citizens who question the processes/procedures of elections and election equipment and the lack of transparency, as subversive extremists.
- Other questionable left-of-center partners include: [National Vote at Home Institute](#), an advocacy organization that pushes for a nationwide vote-by-mail electoral system; [Center for Civic Design](#), an election-administration policy organization that frequently partners with left-of-center organizations like The Democracy Fund; and [U.S. Digital Response](#), a member of the newly formed [U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence](#), a collaboration between the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL), Center for Civic Design (CCD), [Center for Secure and Modern Elections \(CSME\)](#) (a dark money pass-through funder), and other leftist groups. There were no center or right-of-center groups, partners or clients mentioned, which is probably why the Elections Center did not provide in their RFQ any client list, case studies or referral sources to Williamson County Election Commission.
- The Elections Group is not part of the State's current list of certified vendors. Also, Rep. Tim Rudd & Sen. Joey Hensley offering HB1799/SB1706 to have such groups registered with the SoS before offering their services.
- HMPBs – including watermarked absentee ballots – are already legal and scannable. WC should not approve money to study something that is legal and has vendors that currently supply (absentee ballots).