

	Goal	Technology	Election Structure	Testing	Contingency Planning
IOWA	When the IDP chose to use Shadow for tabulation, they were trying to make things more convenient for themselves, not for voters.	Technology is brand new, untested, and created in secrecy.	The technology was rolled out by the state party with zero opportunities for input from stakeholders prior to the election.	Getting the tech right is paramount to supporting any large election and the issues in Iowa only further support the need for holding more pilots in controlled settings.	Iowa did not have a backup plan in place for the failure of their application.
MOBILE VOTING PROJECT <small>FROM THE POLLARTHOPIES</small>	Our goal with any mobile voting implementation is to increase access to the polls and drive turnout.	Vendors and technology have been vetted, tested, and successfully used in numerous elections.	Pilots employ a partnership model with election administrators, cybersecurity experts, accessibility experts, and voters.	We started small and conservatively. In West Virginia's 2018 primaries, we started with deployed military from two counties. After that went well, we expanded the scope later that year to include deployed military from 24 counties for the general election.	All our pilots have employed a paper trail to serve as a backup in case of inconsistencies.
Bottom Line	We need to ensure that every new idea is tested, transparent, and secure – just like the eight successful mobile voting pilots conducted to date.	We've long been proponents of embracing new technologies in elections and have numerous successful elections to point to, but the technology used in Iowa last night is not one of them.	We partner with election administrators – who are experienced in conducting elections effectively and safely – to ensure systems are usable, that best practices are used, and that people are properly trained.	We realize security and usability are iterative processes and recognize the importance of starting small to allow opportunities for feedback from stakeholders.	We support and strongly encourage the use of technologies that provide a paper backup for technology failures, as well as for transparency.