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Matt Damschroder, Deputy Assistant SOS
Ohio Secretary of State’s Office
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Dear Mr. Damschroder,

Thank you for your inquiry into the applicability of the ES&S EXP utility to the EAC testing and certification process. The EAC has reviewed information and documentation on EXP and determined that EXP is not currently part of the certified Unity system and that its limited and peripheral functionality need not be certified in the foreseeable future. The sole function of EXP is to enable easy, non-manual formatting of election results that have already been tabulated and uploaded by the counties into a format that can be read by the Secretary of State’s election night reporting system. EXP is therefore most akin to glue code that is generally defined as software not contributing any true functionality and serving solely to "glue together" different parts of code that would not otherwise be compatible.

Because it is not considered part of the certified voting system, EXP does not require federal testing. If you have any further questions regarding EAC Certification or the certified configuration of your system please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Hancock, Director, Testing and Certification
U.S. Election Assistance Commission