



## State of Florida (USA)

### Enfranchising Overseas Voters

#### Description

In 2007, the Secretary of State of Florida approved a project that allowed for the first time U.S. citizens to cast votes remotely from designated voting terminals in a U.S. Presidential election. Okaloosa County, Florida's county with the highest concentration of active duty military deployed around the world, implemented ScytI's secure e-voting technology to significantly improve the overseas absentee voting process. ScytI's technology – Pnyx – was selected for its unique capability to allow individual voters to verify that their ballots were received and counted. Pnyx, is the first and only Internet Voting solution certified in the US (certified by the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections).

ScytI installed several polling places in England, Germany and Japan to allow US citizens living abroad to cast electronic ballots during several days. Each polling station was equipped with several voting terminals (a conventional laptop plus a printer, touch screen and smartcard reader). A central electoral board located in Florida was in charge of reviewing the received and, once the election was closed, of decrypting the valid ballots and obtaining the final results.

#### Objectives

The objective of the State of Florida was to address the difficulties that the State's overseas citizens encounter when it comes to participating in the country's electoral processes.

#### Characteristics

The e-voting solution selected by the State had to allow voters to cast their votes on poll-site voting terminals set-up in various countries around the world, and then securely send their vote via Internet (through a VPN) to the electoral board based in Florida. An additional requirement was that the voting terminal used Voter's Choice Record technology for audit purposes.

Besides the technology necessary to execute the project, ScytI provided the following services to the State of Florida:

- Customization of the Internet voting platform.
- On-site support at both the polling stations and the electoral board in Florida during the election.
- Installation of Pnyx on the State of Florida's servers.
- Configuration of the polling station's voting terminals.