

## **Florida Department of State Approves Runbeck Election Services' Sentio Ballot Printing System**

Runbeck Election Services is pleased to announce that its Sentio Ballot Printing System has been formally approved by the Division of Elections for on demand printing of early voting and absentee ballots (<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/sentioBallotPrintSys.pdf>). The Sentio is the first, and currently only, on demand printing solution to receive approval or certification, thereby enabling our customers to utilize this innovative and cost-effective solution for the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary.

While the use of paper ballots on Election Day is a familiar practice in many states, the use of optical scan ballots at Florida's early voting sites presents some special challenges. Storing and securing potentially thousands of unique ballot styles at remote voting sites can be a daunting proposition. Requiring poll workers to accurately retrieve and correctly distribute ballots to as many as two thousand voters each day has raised concerns of long lines and voter dissatisfaction.

The Sentio solution addresses these issues by producing precinct-specific ballots, on demand, for each voter during the check-in process. Its ability to interface with electronic precinct registers and voter registration software, such as EViD and Voter Focus, promise timely and efficient ballot production. Sentio's unique EV ballot routing solution, developed in partnership with VR Systems, helps ensure the correct and accurate distribution of ballots to each voter while maintaining voter privacy.

To date, three Florida counties have entered contracts with Runbeck Election Services for the installation and support of 29 Sentio Ballot Printing System to print both early voting and absentee ballots for the upcoming 2008 election cycle.

### **About Runbeck Election Services**

Runbeck Election Services Inc. (RES), a privately held corporation based in Tempe, AZ, specializes in printed election ballots, vote-by-mail materials, absentee processing, and election-related products and services. For over 35 years, RES has been a trusted partner to cities, counties and states that require the highest level of election security, integrity and accuracy. For more information, visit [www.runbeck.net](http://www.runbeck.net).