

Doing COTS Right



Everyone loves a bargain, especially when it comes to taxpayers' money. These days, while some election system vendors still tout expensive all-proprietary systems, others promise to save the day—and your budget—with commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) solutions. That low initial investment is tempting. But here's the truth—for the unique and critically important requirements of elections, COTS can leave you in the lurch.

Hart's just-right hybrid approach.

Hart InterCivic's Verity® Voting system is built on a robust hybrid approach that combines purpose-built components where needed with rugged enterprise-grade (not consumer-grade) COTS devices where appropriate. This means you can take advantage of technology trends and COTS savings while protecting your jurisdiction from the problems and pitfalls of going it alone with out-of-the-box voting system components.

Hart Does COTS Right

With Verity, COTS components are integrated with elections-specific voting devices to provide a holistic, tuned system. Our approach relieves the headaches of unpredictable downtime, unplanned obsolescence, and spiraling cost of ownership. You get maximum value while safeguarding your investment and protecting the integrity of the election process.



Once you see Verity, you'll know.

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Drawbacks and Risks



Federal & State Certification

Federal and state certification processes don't move at the rapid pace of consumer devices' changes.



Security

Viruses, malware, password theft and denial of service: your voting system could inherit these risks from a consumer-grade operating system.



Support

Your off-the-shelf devices become obsolete quickly—so what happens when the manufacturer stops supporting them?



Training of staff & poll workers

How will your staff and poll workers keep up with each new election gadget and its ever-changing interface?



Upgrades

Device updates may be incompatible with prior releases of your election software. That leaves you scrambling to catch up.



Cost

Every COTS hardware update means replacing your entire inventory. What you saw as an initial low cost becomes a recurring expense.

The Hart Difference

Hart manages certification for the just-right combination of components for the Verity Voting system.

Hart configures our equipment exclusively for elections. We evaluate Verity continuously to ensure adherence to best-in-class security standards.

Hart provides ongoing support for the entire system—software, equipment, and certification—throughout its lifecycle, from the day you purchase it until the day it is retired.

Hart reliably provides the training and documentation needed to keep your election staff and poll workers up to speed for the lifetime of the system.

Hart handles all upgrades for your devices, ensuring they remain compatible with all other components of the voting system and that everything complies fully with federal and state certification.

With Verity, your initial purchase cost gets you everything you need. Any updates are compatible with your current hardware. This means lower overall cost.