

Relia-Vote™ Secure, High Integrity Vote-by-Mail Election Ballot Processing

# Get the right ballot to the right voter.



# The vote-by-mail process is a highly confidential, complex and critical application.

Vote-by-mail and absentee demand is on the rise as election officials nationwide look to ensure the integrity of elections, reduce costs related to running manual polling stations, and meet election regulations and timelines.

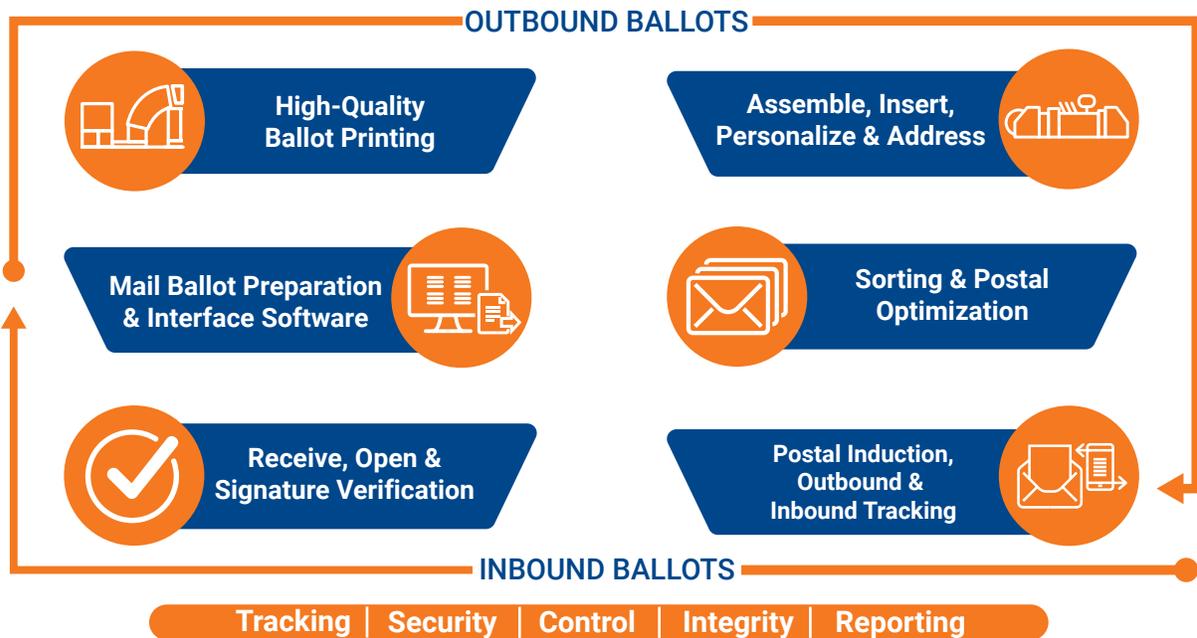
Relia-Vote from BlueCrest is the only integrated, secure, end-to-end vote-by-mail solution for processing both outbound and inbound mail ballots. It's an ideal solution for large to medium counties or municipalities who need to cost effectively and securely automate the processing of election ballots, while staying compliant with state voting regulations and USPS® postal regulations. Compatible with current and future voter registration systems, it provides complete transparency to the election process.

Drawing on our extensive expertise in creating scalable, high integrity, fully automated mail processing solutions, Relia-Vote maintains the high standards your voters demand and can be configured to meet the unique needs of each municipality.

## Eliminate tedious, manual recordkeeping.

Relia-Vote also offers a complete suite of reports to help you manage the auditing, reconciliation and tracking of ballots – down to the individual voter. The standard reports include:

- Election summary
- Move update
- Accept or challenge a ballot
- Signature verification
- Ballot status and final disposition





## Outbound Process: Get the right ballot to the right voter, every time.

To increase voter participation, more states are embracing mail ballot elections and that creates a unique challenge. Election officials now need to manage, account, track and audit every paper ballot travelling to and from each voter.

With an end-to-end audit trail, the Relia-Vote solution brings mail ballot printing, inserting, addressing, monitoring and auditing into one automated process. By using the assigned Intelligent Mail® barcode, the Relia-Vote™ system secures the highest USPS® discounts and tracks the delivery status of every piece; thus creating easily accessible records.

With the Relia-Vote vote-by-mail solution you can maintain the integrity of your current election process by:

- Providing integration with your existing voter registration system
- Giving you the ability to work with large-scale voter files
- Accurately preparing mail ballots to ensure that every voter receives the right ballot at the right address
- Providing a complete piece level audit trail, including proof of mailing while obtaining USPS postal discounts

Whether they are being sent across town or across the country, our TrackMyVote™ solution can follow ballot envelopes throughout every step of the mail stream. This software service is an additional feature that can track individual pieces through the USPS process. With TrackMyVote, election officials can respond to delivery inquiries from voters, candidates or the media.

## Outbound Process: Print ballots and booklets for less



IntelliJet® 20 HD Printing System

### High quality ballot printing

Securely print personalized, easy to read ballots using high quality color inkjet printing. Advances in inkjet technology make it possible to cost effectively produce high quality ballots, booklets even booklet covers on a single platform for less than traditional offset printing or outsourcing. With all the concerns for ballot accuracy and security, there has never been a better time to print your own ballots and sample booklets.

Our IntelliJet 20 HD printing system produces the very high quality print resolution for clear text and barcodes-particularly important to ensure consistent ballot integrity and tracking.

Variable print speeds and a range of print modes let you fine tune the output to meet your high-volume needs. The AcceleJet printing system is ideal for counties with lower print volumes. You can eliminate pre-printed forms, storage and obsolescence printing only what's needed, when it is needed. And, when you partner with BlueCrest for a Relia-Vote solution, you can trust the output from the printer will run seamlessly on our inserters.

## Outbound Process: Assembly of Mail Ballot



Mailstream Evolution Inserter

### High integrity processing, matching, and merging

The Relia-Vote solution leverages our industry leading inserting platforms, including the Mailstream Evolution and the Mailstream Productivity Series, to collate all the components of the ballot packet into an envelope for mailing. Both feature high-integrity capabilities including file-based processing, ballot type matching, merging and content verification with full audit trails. A proven solution, BlueCrest inserters have been used for over 16 years performing uncontested mail ballot elections.

- Gain productivity by automating the assembly and inserting of ballots into envelopes for mailing
- Lower the cost of ballot assembly, eliminating manual labor and errors
- Gain control with file-based processing and Privacy Guard to ensure the accuracy of the ballot packet contents for each voter
- Achieve compliance with automated control, monitoring, tracking, packet content verification and audit trail



Vantage™ Sorting Solution

## Validate voters signatures and sort returned ballot envelopes.

The Relia-Vote™ system delivers the integrity, accuracy and accountability that election officials come to expect while reducing handling and manual costs. Instead of manually checking mail ballot envelopes against voter registration lists, our Relia-Vote software interfaces with your existing voter files to match and validate each returned envelope.

Our Inline Auto Signature Verification (ASV) compares signatures from the scanned ballot envelopes to those on file in the voter registration system. Featuring industry leading verification software that protects against fraud, the Inline ASV software will reduce the amount of time it takes to manually verify each voter signature. With our Manual Signature Verification (MSV) feature, the scanned signature is presented side-by-side with the one on file for fast, easy visual confirmation by an election official.

Plus, our high-speed sorters help ensure that each ballot packet has the correct contents, date-time stamp and opening of the envelopes.

Envelopes sent back by voters are automatically sorted and archived with a digital image of each envelope for audit purposes. Relia-Vote provides transparency, ensures accuracy, lessens risk and delivers a comprehensive audit trail during the entire elections process. Ballot envelopes can be sorted at speeds of up to 50,000 per hour for larger districts, with challenged ballot envelopes quickly identified and separated. Smaller jurisdictions benefit from the same automated processing but with speeds of up to 24,000 per hour, with future greater capability options.

## Relia-Vote: Complete end-to-end outbound and inbound mail ballot processing.

### **Voter file preparation: Get ballots to the right voters at the right address.**

Our comprehensive software module performs address verification and validation, move update checking, reporting without changing the voter's information:

- Automatically integrating with your voter registration database
- Improving and expediting delivery
- Utilizing the Intelligent Mail barcode system, enabling you to take advantage of the highest postal discounts and tracking as each ballot makes its way through the USPS® process

### **Outbound ballot assembly: Ensure the accuracy of your ballot package assembly.**

Relia-vote integrates mail ballot printing, inserting, addressing, content verification and metering into a single automated process with an end-to-end audit trail that:

- Helps you ensure mail ballot content accuracy and reconciliation
- Reduces processing costs while ensuring ballot packet integrity
- Verifies correct material was included and assembled accurately
- Provides one-to-one reconciliation for every mail ballot

### **Inbound mail ballot processing: Sort and validate return mail ballots in hours, not days.**

Relia-Vote saves time and labor as it automatically verifies each ballot's receipt, obtains voter signature images and reconciles each return ballot envelope against your voter files. This helps to:

- Eliminate the need to manually process every return envelope
- Simplify workflow by using digital images to facilitate signature verification
- Provide electoral security measures to validate chain of custody
- Create audit trail with electronic image of each returned ballot envelope
- Sort ballots down to the precinct, district or group level and automatically separate challenged ballot envelopes.





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