

Statewide Organizing Project

The RIDP is seeking volunteers for local organizer positions. Currently, a permanent statewide grassroots organization is being constructed in order to provide the following for the 2008 elections and beyond:

- A coordinated framework for support of Democratic candidates on all levels
- Improve internal and external message development and dissemination
- Get Out The Vote and Election Day operations
- A system to help recruit and maintain the Party's volunteer base and help grow local committee membership
- A vehicle for voter file maintenance and expansion

Technology

To increase improved performance in all areas, the Rhode Island Democratic Party is working with the DNC to upgrade the Party's currently available technology.

Some of the areas in which technology can foster improvements:

Voter Contact and Persuasion: Helping to target and communicate to the electorate more effectively

Party Building: Improving the ability of the RIDP to connect Democrats as well as help grow and retain Party membership

Message Dissemination: Communicating the accomplishments of Democrats and keeping the heat on Republicans for their faulty policies

July 28th Democrats Nationwide Make Environment, Energy Independence a Priority

Building on last year's successful elections and the tremendous enthusiasm in the Democratic Party, the Democratic National Committee will hold its 2nd annual "Democratic Reunion" Saturday, July 28, to engage and energize Democrats as we mobilize for the 2008 election.

As Democrats and Americans, we are dedicated to improving our country both through the choices we make at the ballot box and the ones we make at home. That's why we're dedicating this year's Democratic Reunion to a challenge we can all tackle together: the fight for a cleaner environment and energy independence.

For the past six years, the Republican's energy policy has been written by their special interest friends, leaving Americans paying record high gas prices and no closer to achieving energy independence.

The Democratic Plan would:

- Reduce our dependence on oil;
- Increase the production of clean, renewable fuels;
- Punish gas-price gougers;
- Improve energy efficiency and demand smarter technology for our cars, homes, appliances, and industry;
- Develop new green technologies to create new jobs; and
- Work with the rest of the world to tackle global warming and opening their markets to American solutions

The Democratic Party and the 50-State Strategy can be more than a driving force at the voting booth. By working together in towns across the country, we can fight for Democratic principles like energy independence -- while building our organization for future elections.

As the date approaches if you're interested please call 401.721.9900 or email gamo@ridemocrats.org.



State Partnership Program



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State Partnership Program Overview

During his campaign to become chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Governor Howard Dean promised the State Parties an improved connection with the DNC providing more resources and influence into the decisions made at the national level.

After his election, Governor Dean created the “50 State Strategy.” This new approach to elections and Party operations is based on the idea that the Democratic Party’s grassroots are the most vital part of our Party and the Party should work to grow in all areas of the country and leave no stone unturned.

To implement his strategy the State Partnership Program was created with input from the State Parties. This program is based on six key components to help the Democratic Party grow and win elections on all levels.

Governor Dean understands State and Local Parties are vital to the success of Democrats on all levels and with these six components he hopes to continue the momentum of the 2006 elections into the 2008 election season and beyond.

The six key components are:

- Statewide Organizing Project
- Improving Use of Technology
- Building & Repairing Communications Infrastructure
- Election Protection
- Training
- Constituency Outreach

“Election by election, state by state, precinct by precinct, door by door, vote by vote.... we’re going to lift our Party up and take this country back for the people who built it.”

~ Governor Howard Dean
Chair, Democratic National Committee

Communications

The DNC and the RIDP are committed to improving both internal and external communication and message dissemination.

As part of this effort, the State Party will develop a comprehensive database of contacts including main-stream, specialty and on-line media.

In addition the RIDP will work over the coming months to construct a framework to better handle the flow of information coming to and from the Party.

The RIDP will also be arranging volunteers for:

- Rapid response on issues
- Letter writing campaigns
- One-on-one message communication
- Talk show response teams

Election Protection

If every vote counts then every vote should be counted! That is the philosophy of the Democratic Party.

In the last two election cycles we have seen a number of races on all levels, including Presidential contests, come down to a handful of votes. While Democrats work hard at getting voters to the polls we have not done enough to ensure their votes are counted.

In the time leading up to elections the RIDP will gather volunteer lawyers, law students, and advocates to act as poll monitors and if needed file legal motions to make sure voters are able to cast their ballots free from error and hassles.

Training

The Democratic Party needs to train its membership until we are blue in the states.

As the year continues the RIDP, in conjunction with the DNC, will be hosting trainings for elected officials, local organizers, activists and local Democratic committees.

Workshops will be focused on the issues that help win elections and grow the Democratic Party. Topics may include:

- Fund-raising
- Communications / Media
- Campaign School
- Field Operations
- Get Out The Vote
- Voter Protection
- and many other skills.

Constituency Outreach

The Democratic Party has the largest tent.

However just because we hung a sign saying all were welcome it does not mean that everyone is finding the tent or finding something in the tent that fits their group.

To ensure our Party represents all its constituencies in a manner that is effective and efficient, the RIDP will revamp various caucuses under the State Party banner.

These caucuses will help foster communication between the Party and our constituencies while also providing an outlet for these communities to bring forth issues of concern to the diversity of our Party.