

What is the organization behind this project?

In the fall of 1992, a small group of Nebraska residents, both Republican and Democrat, were talking about being good citizens. They decided to check out if their friends were registered to vote. But then it seemed they couldn't find out what they wanted to know about the "little" candidates not covered by the newspaper. So they decided to agree on some questions to ask the candidates and shared the answers with each other. They didn't want to leave that information just with their small group and starting making it available to others.

The project grew with each election after 1992. As the news spread and more volunteers joined, more counties were included. People willing to research ballot issues and help translate from "legalese" into English, along with professionals who know judges added more value. Several organizations and individuals have contributed questions to use. Many others have donated funds to keep it going.

From then until now, questions are asked of each candidate concerning who he/she is as a person, not just his/her political views.

Officially known as Voters Information Packet (VIP) (left from when there were paper packets) is an official non-profit corporation in Nebraska with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status having been applied for in June 2012, and finally approved November 2013. The current board of directors includes: Kathy Holkeboer, Tom Holkeboer, Hope Golden, and Deb Stortvedt. The list of other volunteers is LONG!