

Santa Barbara County

Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Phase 1	Amounts
Phase 1: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$1,080,148.00
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$2,749,794.06
Phase 1: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$360,049.33
Phase 1: Total System Cost	\$1,440,198.00
Phase 2	
Phase 2: Remaining Allocation Amount	\$1,669,646.06
Phase 2: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$556,545.69
Phase 2: Total System Cost	Unknown at this time

Phase 1 -- New Equipment:

Accu-Vote Precinct Ballot Tabulators – 190 Units

Phase 1 -- Precinct Voting & Absentee Voting System:

Diebold Accu-Vote ES –2000 (Optical Scan)

Phase 1 -- Vendor:

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

Phase 1 -- Acquisition Schedule:

Santa Barbara has secured the Phase 1 new vote counting equipment and this new equipment was fully implemented during the March 2000 Primary Election.

Phase 1 -- Project Completion Date:

The Phase 1 new ballot counting system was fully implemented during the March 2000 Primary Election.

Phase 1 -- Staff Recommendation:

Santa Barbara County's "Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package" meets the requirements for completeness. The new precinct level ballot counting equipment assists with automating "ballot layout", provides earlier election returns and has the capability to automate absentee ballot processing. The new system is less confusing to voters and makes the poll worker's job easier because the system allows voters to vote on a single ballot instead of having five or six cards that were needed under the previous system.

This new equipment significantly reduces the amount of time it takes to produce election results on Election Day. With the previous system it took Santa Barbara County several hours to report their returns, however with the new equipment results can now be generated in just over an hour.

Santa Barbara County's "Phase 1" optical scan equipment does not fully address the new state and federal requirements for accessibility. However, Santa Barbara County will incorporate a "Phase 2" into their overall plan and intends to purchase a DRE touch screen system that is compatible with their current optical scan voting system. They plan to place one DRE in each of their 172 polling places and also foresee having one machine at each of their three county offices. The second phase of their plan will bring their county into compliance with both state and federal law.

It is our recommendation to approve Santa Barbara County's "Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$1,080,148.00.