

Alpine County

Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Alpine County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$8,115.19
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$8,115.19
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$2,705.06
Total System Cost	\$86,278.40

Voting System:

Hardware:

AccuVote-OS Central Count (Optical Scan) version 2.0.12 – 2 Units

AccuVote-TSX with AccuView Printer Module (Touch Screen) version 4.6.4 – 2 Units

Software:

GEMS Software Version 1.18.24

Vendor:

Diebold Elections Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Alpine County anticipates receiving its new voting equipment by late-April 2006. The county plans to begin using this equipment in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Alpine County projects that its project completion date will be upon certification of the November 7, 2006 General Election.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The AccuVote-TSX units with AccuView Printer component being purchased by Alpine County include a voter verifiable receipt printer, which is a VVPAT component.

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Alpine County's Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Diebold AccuVote-OS central optical scan units and AccuVote-TSX touch screen units are certified for use in California.

Alpine County will be converting from the Datavote punch card voting system. Alpine County is the smallest county in California with approximately 790 registered voters and has only five voting precincts in the entire county. Since 1993, Alpine County has conducted all countywide elections as all-mail ballot elections and has received a good response from its voters.

Alpine County chose to purchase the Diebold system because the equipment uses current technology and software and it was determined by the county to be the easiest to install and implement in their small-sized county.

The county intends to inform voters about the voting system through mailing to all registered voters, all county addresses, and will place a page in the sample ballot with this information. The county will also distribute flyers to medical and senior facilities to target voters who are disabled and inform them of the new touch screen voting available for their use.

For the June 6, 2006 Primary Election, a touch screen unit will be available for use at the County Clerk's Office located in the central region of the county. The county is considering placing a touch screen unit at the drop-box location at the western side of the county during the November 2006 General Election.

Alpine County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified voting equipment. Please note that the staff-proposed funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 for voting equipment hardware and software only. The support services line items listed in the Alpine County contract with Diebold would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Alpine County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$8,115.19.