

Colusa County

Phase 1 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Phase 1	Amounts
Phase 1: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$92,625.00
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$121,292.74
Phase 1: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$30,875.00
Phase 1: Total System Cost	\$174,150.00
Phase 2	
Phase 2: Remaining Allocation Amount	\$28,667.24
Phase 2: Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$9,555.91
Phase 2: Total Estimated System Cost	Unknown at this time

Phase 1 Voting System:

Hardware: ES&S Model 100 Precinct Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) – 20 Units

Software: ES&S Model 100 version 5.0.0.0
Unity Software version 2.4.3

Vendor:

Elections Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S)

Acquisition Schedule:

Colusa County has secured the Phase 1 voting system equipment and this new equipment was implemented completely during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Project Completion Date:

The Phase 1 voting system was implemented during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election. The county anticipates implementing their Phase 2 voting equipment, the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals, during the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Accessible Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (AVVPAT):

The AVVPAT requirement does not apply to Colusa County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

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Colusa County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The ES&S Model 100 optical scan units being used by Colusa County are certified for use in California.

During the October 2003 Recall Election, Colusa County rented ES&S central count optical scan voting equipment to take the place of their Datavote punch card voting system to assist with reducing the printing cost due to the extraordinary number of candidates on the ballot for the Recall Election. The optical scan voting equipment was well received by their voters and, as such, the County rented the central count optical scan equipment again during the March 2004 Primary and the November 2004 General elections. Based upon the successful use of the optical scan voting system, Colusa County entered into a contract with ES&S to purchase 20 ES&S Model 100 precinct-based optical scan units and these units were used for the first time during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election.

While the implementation of the optical scan equipment has already occurred, Colusa County is committed to continually refining their staff and poll worker training and to focusing on voter education for the June 6, 2006 Primary Election. The county plans to hold demonstrations and distribute educational materials to voters on how to correctly mark their votes on the optical scan ballot and how to use the precinct scanner.

Colusa County's Phase 1 optical scan equipment does not fully address the new state and federal requirements for accessibility. However, the ES&S Model 100 does offer a voter verified ballot and alerts voters if they over-vote their ballot. To fully comply with state and federal law, Colusa County plans to incorporate a Phase 2 into their overall plan and intends to purchase one AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal for each polling location.

Colusa County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted detailed invoices for their 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 Election Support Services and ES&S Voter Registration Software License Fees [and Services] line items listed in the Colusa County contract with ES&S would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Colusa County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$92,625.00.

Colusa County VMB Formula Allocation		Amounts
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$	121,292.74
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$	40,430.91

Phase 1 Non-Allowable Expenses	
Election Support Services	\$ 38,100.00
Other ES&S Voter Registration Services	\$ 12,550.00
Phase 1 Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 50,650.00
<i>Phase 1 Estimated Total System Cost</i>	
	\$ 174,150.00
<i>Phase 1 Total Non-Allowable Expenses</i>	\$ 50,650.00
<i>Phase 1 Total Allowable Expenses</i>	\$ 123,500.00

Phase 1	
Recommended Funding Award (75% of Allowable Expenses)	\$ 92,625.00
Match (25% of Allowable Expense Match Amount)	\$ 30,875.00
Total Allowable Expenses	\$ 123,500.00
Phase 2	
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 28,667.74
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 9,555.91