

# Glenn County

## Project Documentation Package Staff Report

### Summary

Glenn County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$180,968.11
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$180,968.11
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$60,322.70
Total System Cost	\$390,696.97

#### **Voting System:**

##### **Hardware:**

Precinct System: AVC Edge DRE (Touch Screen) version 4.3.320 – 50 Units  
VeriVote (DRE Printers) – 65 Units

Absentee System: Optech Insight (Optical Scan) Central Tabulator– 2 Units

**Software:** AVC Edge Firmware version 4.2  
Optech Insight - EMS/AERO Software

##### **Vendor:**

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

##### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Glenn County anticipates receiving their new voting equipment in November of 2005. The county plans to begin using this equipment in the June 6, 2006, Primary Election.

##### **Project Completion Date:**

Glenn County projects that their project completion date will be upon certification of the June 6, 2006, Primary Election.

##### **Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):**

The AVC Edge DRE units being purchased by Glenn County's includes the VeriVote printers, which is a VVPAT component.

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Glenn County's Project Documentation Package meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge DRE units and the VeriVote printers are certified for use in California. Please note that the software used to run the AVC Edge units currently has a "condition" on the certification for its use, as the software cannot be used in a primary election. This condition is expected to be resolved within the next three months.

Glenn County currently uses the Datavote punch card voting system. Glenn County considered only Direct Recording Equipment (DRE) units for polling places and optical scan for absentee and vote by mail ballots, as the county believes that it was preferable to have all voters casting their ballots on the same equipment in the polling place.

The county believes that the new DRE technology will provide a simplified voting experience and increase accessibility and independence for voters with special needs. In addition, the new DRE system will reduce the burdens on poll workers and will assist in removing the potential for voter error and ambiguity that is possible with punch card ballots.

Glenn County will not implement the new voting equipment until the June 6, 2006, Primary Election, as this will allow the county ample time for equipment to be tested and for staff and poll workers to be trained on the new voting equipment. Glenn County staff had the opportunity to talk to the poll workers individually while preparing for the November 2005 election. The county plans to solicit feedback from staff, poll workers and voters after the election and will adjust their procedures accordingly.

Glenn County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted invoices for their voting equipment.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation to approve Glenn County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$180,968.11.