

# Kern County

## Change to Approved Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

### Summary

Kern County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$2,278,284.98
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$2,278,284.98
Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$759,585.95
Total System Cost	\$4,993,696.00

#### **Vendor:**

Diebold Elections Systems, Inc.

#### **Voting System:**

##### **Hardware:**

AccuVote-TSX with AccuView Printer Module (Touch Screen) version 4.6.4 – 1,350 Units  
AccuVote-OS Central Count (Optical Scan) version 2.0.12 – 6 Units

##### **Software:**

GEMS Software Version 1.18.24

#### **Staff Report:**

At the December 17, 2002 meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved Kern County's Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding for the reimbursement of the county's purchase of 1,350 Diebold AccuVote-TS units and 6 AccuVote-OS central count optical scan ballot tabulators. The county used this equipment at the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary Election.

Kern County's entire VMB formula allocation equated to \$3,401,866.46. Kern County submitted paid invoices and received reimbursement for their AccuVote-TS units totaling \$1,123,581.48 of their initial VMB funding award. On March 30, 2004, Kern County amended their contract with Diebold to purchase the AccuVote-TSX units.

On April 30, 2004, the prior Secretary of State issued orders decertifying the use of all DRE voting systems in California and specifically banned the use of the Diebold AccuVote-TSX

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hardware and firmware voting equipment. After the de-certification, Kern County amended their contract with Diebold a second time to supply the county with non-DRE voting equipment (at no cost to the county) for all future elections until December 31, 2006, or until new DRE units were recertified.

On February 17, 2006, the current Secretary of State certified for use in California the Diebold AccuVote-TSX with the AccuView Printer, AccuVote-OS central count optical scan ballot tabulators, and other related voting system components. Kern County used the newly certified Diebold AccuVote-TSX with the AccuView Printer and AccuVote-OS central count optical scan ballot tabulators voting system for the first time at the June 6, 2006 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

Kern County is requesting the Voting Modernization Board approve the change to their existing Project Documentation Plan, which incorporated the amendments to their contract and the receipt of the newly certified AccuVote-TSX units and related hardware and software.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Kern County's change to their approved Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$2,278,284.98.