

Kings County

Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Kings County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$581,008.11
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$581,008.11
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$193,669.37
Total System Cost	\$1,242,565.98

Voting System:

Hardware:

Precinct System: AVC Edge DRE (Touch Screen) – 200 Units
VeriVote (DRE Printers) – 250 Units

Absentee System: Optech 400-C Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) – 1 Unit

Software: AVC Edge version 4.3.320
Optech 400-C version 3.54.1

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

King County plans to begin using the DRE voting equipment as the precinct system at the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Project Completion Date:

Kings 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 Kings County include the VeriVote printers, which are a VVPAT component.

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Kings County's Project Documentation Plan meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge DRE units, the VeriVote printers, and the Optech 400-C unit 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 California primary election. This condition is expected to be resolved before the end of the year.

Kings County will continue to use their Optech 400-C optical scan as their absentee system and will be implementing the AVC Edge DRE units as their precinct based system in all of their polling locations during the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Kings County staff had the opportunity to talk to poll workers individually while preparing for the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election. The county plans to solicit feedback from staff, poll workers, and voters after the election and will adjust their procedures accordingly.

Kings County believes that the deployment of the DRE units in all polling places will bring the county into full compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), as the DRE system provides access to those voters with disabilities, and it also will satisfy the second-chance voting requirements by not allowing over votes and identifying under votes to each voter.

Kings County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted invoices for the purchase of the 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 training and other support services costs listed in the Kings County plan would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Kings County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$581,008.11.