

Lassen County

Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Phase 1	Amounts
Phase 1: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$105,635.48
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$207,796.11
Phase 1: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$35,211.83
Phase 1: Total System Cost (with interest)	\$154,270.71
Phase 2	
Phase 2: Remaining Allocation Amount	\$102,160.63
Phase 2: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$34,053.54
Phase 2: Total System Cost (Estimate)	\$123,436.26

Phase 1 -- Voting System:

AccuVote Optical Scan Precinct Ballot Tabulators – 15 Units

Phase 1 -- Vendor:

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

Phase 1 -- Acquisition Schedule:

Lassen County has secured the Phase 1 optical scan voting system equipment and this new equipment was implemented during the November 2000 General Election.

Phase 1 -- Project Completion Date:

The Phase 1 optical scan voting system was fully implemented during the November 2000 General Election. The Phase 2 touch screen voting system will be operational in time for the 2006 Primary Election.

Phase 1 -- Staff Recommendation:

Lassen County's "Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package" meets the requirements for completeness. The AccuVote optical scan voting system being used by Lassen County is certified for use in California.

Lassen County's decision to convert to this new optical scan voting system was based upon several factors including: (1) the system uses current technology and software; (2) the system is already being successfully used by other counties; (3) the system was determined to be the easiest to install and implement; (4) the optical scan system will increase unassisted voting for

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senior and disabled voters; and (5) it provided Lassen County with the best system at the least cost.

Lassen County's Phase 1 technique of training the elections staff on the overall operational issues of using the optical scan equipment, coupled with poll worker training and vendor support led to the successful completion of three major elections (November 2000, March 2002 and November 2002.)

Lassen County's "Phase 1" optical scan equipment does not fully address the new state and federal requirements for accessibility. To fully comply with state and federal law, Lassen County plans to incorporate a "Phase 2" into their overall plan and intends to purchase one DRE unit for each of their polling places.

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

It is our recommendation to approve Lassen County's "Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$105,635.48.