

# Marin County

## Phase 2 – Project Documentation Package Staff Report

### Summary

Phase 2	Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$554,379.00
Phase 2: Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$1,212,495.98
Phase 2: Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount	\$184,793.00
Phase 2: County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$775,822.00
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$658,116.98
Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$187,352.66

#### **Phase 2 Voting System:**

**Hardware:** ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 130 Units

#### **Vendor:**

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

#### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Marin County used the AutoMARK units for the first time at the June 2006 Primary Election.

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

Marin County fully implemented the Phase 2 voting equipment during the June 2006 Primary Election.

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

The VVPAT requirement does not apply to Marin County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

#### **Staff Report:**

Marin County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Package meets all of the requirements for completeness. The ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are certified for use in California.

Marin County has implemented a blended voting system. They have augmented the existing Diebold AccuVote Optical Scan Precinct Ballot Tabulators with the placement of one AutoMARK unit in every polling place in the county. Marin County believes that the deployment of Phase 2

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AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal optical scan units brings the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the state accessibility requirements, as the AutoMARK units allow voters with a variety of disabilities to vote privately and independently.

Marin County's blended voting system has gained permanent approval for use by the Secretary of State with the caveat that the county adhere to the "Official Use Procedures" adopted for use of the ES&S AutoMark in conjunction with the Diebold GEMS/Accuvote-OS system.

Marin County fully implemented the deployment of the AutoMARK units in the June 2006 Primary Election. The county printed information about the new accessible voting equipment in their county sample ballots, and enhanced their poll worker training to include specific information on how to use the AutoMARK units. While there was minimal use of the AutoMARK units during the past two statewide elections, the county has committed to tracking the usage of this equipment and has solicited feedback from voters about how to improve future use.

Marin County plans to continue upgrading their voting equipment through a Phase 3 Plan. The county's ultimate goal is to achieve optimal integration of the optical scanner and ballot marking devices and to maintain compliance with state and federal voting system requirements.

The "Unity on-Line" voting software listed in Marin County's contract with ES&S has not yet gained certification in California and, therefore, would not be eligible for reimbursement under Proposition 41.

Marin County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified voting equipment. Please note that the staff-proposed funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 only for voting equipment hardware and software. The election support services and installation line items listed in the Marin County contract with ES&S would not be covered as reimbursable claims under Proposition 41.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Marin County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$554,379.00.

<b>Marin Initial VMB Formula Allocation</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 1,879,587.19
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$ 626,529.06

<b>Phase 1 Payment</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Marin County Approved Payment Request Amount	\$ 667,091.21
Marin County 3:1 Actual Match	\$ 254,383.40

<b>Marin Phase 2 Remaining Formula Allocation</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 1,212,495.98
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 372,145.66

<b>Phase 2 Non-Allowable Expenses</b>	
Unity on-Line Database Build	\$ 3,500.00
Election Support Services	\$ 22,100.00
Installation	\$ 11,050.00
Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 36,650.00
<i>Phase 2 County Estimated Total System Cost</i>	<i>\$ 775,822.00</i>
<i>Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 36,650.00</i>
<i>Phase 2 Total Allowable Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 739,172.00</i>

<b>Phase 2 Allocation</b>	
Recommended Funding Award (75% of Allowable Expenses)	\$ 554,379.00
Match (25% of Allowable Expense Match Amount)	\$ 184,793.00
Total Allowable Expenses	\$ 739,172.00

<b>Marin Remaining Formula Allocation</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 658,116.98
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 187,352.66