

# Orange County

## Project Documentation Package Staff Report

### Summary

<b>Orange County</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$16,782,377.26
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$16,782,377.26
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$5,594,125.75
Total System Cost	\$26,179,534.67

#### Voting System:

Hart eSlate 3000 – TS (Touch Screen System) – 9,000 Units  
Judge's Booth Controllers – 1,750 Units

#### Absentee Voting System:

Hart Ballot Now – OS (Optical Scan System) – 3 Units

#### Vendor:

Maximus/Hart Intercivic

#### Acquisition Schedule:

Orange County plans to begin receiving their new voting equipment in July 2003. The acquisition will be fully completed by October 2003. The county plans to use their new voting equipment for the first time at the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary Election.

#### Project Completion Date:

Orange County has projected that their project completion date will be upon certification of the November 2, 2004 Presidential General Election.

#### Staff Recommendation:

Orange County's "Project Documentation Package" meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Hart eSlate 3000 touch screen system is certified for use in California. Orange County's Registrar of Voters completed a Request For Proposal (RFP) process that included responses from eight vendors. A proposal evaluation committee was established,

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comprised of Orange County staff and an independent consulting firm. The evaluation committee unanimously selected Maximus/Hart Intercivic (Hart).

The Hart touch screen voting system was priced at 5 million dollars less than any other potential vendor. Orange County selected the Hart voting system because it included the following major components: (1) the system will reduce labor and printing cost; (2) it provides a mechanism for earlier reporting; (3) the system complies with the Americans with Disability Act; and (4) it has multilingual capabilities up to ten languages. The new voting system will comply with the Federal and State laws regarding accessibility.

Orange County plans to begin installation of the new voting system in July 2003. Their project plan includes detailed equipment acquisition plans, staff training components, and a voter education outreach program designed to allow voters the opportunity to use touch screen voting prior to Election Day.

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

It is our recommendation to approve Orange County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$16,782,377.26.