

Plumas County

Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Plumas County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$176,139.87
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$176,139.87
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$58,713.29
Total System Cost	\$297,328.99

Voting System

Diebold Accu-Vote -- TS (Touch Screen System) – 55 Units

Absentee Voting System

Diebold Accu-Vote -- OS (Optical Scan) Ballot Tabulator – 3 Units

Vendor:

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Plumas County has secured all of the new voting equipment and the new system was fully implemented during the March 2002 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

The new voting system was fully implemented during the March 2002 Primary Election.

Staff Recommendation:

Plumas County's "Project Documentation Package" meets all of the requirements for completeness. Plumas County began their investigation into purchasing a new voting system in early 2001 and selected the Diebold Accu-Vote Touch Screen system in August 2001. They received the equipment in January 2002 and began acceptance and diagnostic testing. Extensive training sessions were given to poll workers and elections staff on how to set up the units and complete the voting process. Election staff was also trained on the new voting system focusing on the units themselves and the process used at the beginning of Election Day and at the close of the polls. The election staff was trained to assist with "troubleshooting" any potential problems that might occur on Election Day. The vendor also provided additional technical support the day before the election, Election Day, and the first part of the canvass process. Plumas County conducted two statewide elections in 2002; therefore, it appears that the testing and training plan that was implemented by Plumas County was successful.

It is our recommendation to approve Plumas County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$176,139.87.
