

Ventura County

Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

| Ventura County | Amounts |
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| Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount | \$4,576,270.14 |
| VMB Approved Allocation Amount | \$4,576,270.14 |
| 3:1 Matching Fund Amount | \$1,525,423.38 |
| Total System Cost | \$6,163,133.31 |

Voting System:

Hardware:

Precinct System:

Optech Insight Precinct Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) version 1.02b – 400 Units
AVC Edge DRE (Touch Screen) version 4.3.320 – 375 Units
VeriVote (DRE Printers) – 400 Units

Absentee System:

Optech 400-C Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) – 4 Units

Software:

AVC Edge Firmware version 4.2
WinEDS version 3.0134

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Ventura County anticipates receiving their new voting equipment between mid-December 2005 through March 2006. The county plans to begin using this equipment in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Ventura County projects that their project completion date will be upon certification of the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

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Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The AVC Edge DRE units being purchased by Ventura County includes the VeriVote printers, which is a VVPAT component.

Staff Report:

Ventura County's Project Documentation Package meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge DRE units, the VeriVote printers, the Optech Insight units, and the Optech 400-C units are certified for use in California.

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 primary election. This condition is expected to be resolved shortly; however, no application has been received by the Secretary of State's Office.

Ventura County will be converting for a Datavote punch card voting system. Ventura County believes that the deployment of the one DRE unit and one optical scan unit in all polling places will bring the county into full compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The DRE units will provide access to those voters with disabilities and will also satisfy the second-chance voting requirements by not allowing over votes and identifying under votes to each voter.

Ventura County plans to hold a mock election in March of 2006 to test the new system and verify that the system is integrated properly with the candidate filing system and the ballot tabulation of the optical scan ballots and DRE units. The county plans to conduct an extensive public relations program to educate the voters on the new system. The county plans to solicit feedback from staff, poll workers, and voters after the mock election and will adjust their procedures accordingly.

Ventura County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted invoices for their 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 installation and training and extended warranty costs listed in the Ventura County plan would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Ventura County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$4,576,270.14.