

Riverside County

Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Riverside County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$7,509,478.39
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$7,509,478.39
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$2,503,159.46
Total System Cost	\$13,873,000.00

Voting System:

Sequoia AVC Edge (Touch Screen System) – 4,250 Units

Absentee Voting System:

DFM Mark-A-Vote (Mark Sense)

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems

Acquisition Schedule:

Riverside County has secured all of the new voting equipment and the new system was fully implemented during the November 2000 General Election.

Project Completion Date:

The new voting system was fully implemented during the November 2000 General Election.

Staff Recommendation:

Riverside County's "Project Documentation Package" exceeds the requirements for completeness. Riverside County used a four-phased approach for implementation: (1) identified and evaluated options; (2) designated the type of voting system; (3) implemented the release of the new voting system methodically; and (4) performed an evaluation and included enhancements from this evaluation for the subsequent elections. This approach appears to have made their transition to a new voting system a success. Their overall project plan and equipment acquisition schedule was implemented very succinctly.

Riverside County was one of the pioneer counties who implemented a new modernized voting system before the passage of Proposition 41. Riverside County entered into a financing agreement with the Pitney-Bowes Corporation to purchase their new voting system. They do not have a pre-payment penalty attached to this financing agreement and will pay down the full approved allocation amount once it is awarded from the Voting Modernization Board.

It is our recommendation to approve Riverside County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$7,509,478.39.
