

# Solano County

## Project Documentation Package Staff Report

### Summary

Solano County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$2,297,314.22
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$2,297,314.22
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$765,771.33
Total System Cost	\$4,065,092.58

#### **Voting System:**

Diebold AccuVote – TS (Touch Screen System) – 1,171 Units

#### **Absentee Voting System:**

Diebold Absentee Scanner Unit – 1 Unit  
Diebold AccuVote – OS (Optical Scan) – 2 Units

#### **Vendor:**

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

#### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Solano County plans to receive their new voting equipment in April 2003. The acquisition will be fully completed by July 2003. The county plans to use their new voting equipment for the first time at their November 2003 UDEL election.

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

Solano County has projected that their project completion date will be upon certification of the November 2004 General Election.

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

Solano County's "Project Documentation Package" meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Diebold AccuVote touch screen system is certified for use in California. Solano County currently uses the Votomatic system. The Votomatic voting system has been decertified and Solano County is under a federal court order to replace their system before March 1, 2004.

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Solano County's Registrar of Voters completed a Request For Proposal (RFP) process that included responses from seven vendors. Staff from several Solano County departments reviewed the RFP responses and, after ranking the responses, determined that Diebold Election Systems' AccuVote was the first choice.

Solano County selected the AccuVote voting system for the following reasons: (1) the system uses current technology and software; (2) the system is already being successfully used by other election offices; (3) it was determined to be the easiest to install and implement; (4) the system will increase unassisted voting for senior and disabled voters; (5) it provides the county with the best system at the best cost; and (6) it brings Solano County into compliance with state and federal regulations pertaining to voter accessibility.

Solano County plans to begin installation of the new voting system in April 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. The timeframe set out in their plan allows for three complete elections to occur before final acceptance of this new system.

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

It is our recommendation to approve Solano County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$2,297,314.22.