

Alameda County

Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

| Alameda County | Amounts |
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| Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount | \$8,779,360.86 |
| VMB Approved Allocation Amount | \$8,779,360.86 |
| 3:1 Matching Fund Amount | \$2,926,453.62 |
| Total System Cost | \$14,124,619.67 |

Voting System:

Diebold Accu-Vote -- TS (Touch Screen System) – 4000 Units

Absentee Voting System:

Diebold Accu-Vote -- OS (Optical Scan) Ballot Tabulator – 8 Units

Vendor:

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Alameda County has secured all of the new voting equipment and the new system was fully implemented during the November 2002 General Election.

Project Completion Date:

The new voting system was fully implemented during the November 2002 General Election.

Staff Recommendation:

Alameda County's "Project Documentation Package" meets all of the requirements for completeness. Alameda County began their investigation into purchasing new voting equipment in 1997. They formed the Alameda County Election Equipment Committee to determine which voting system would best fit their needs, taking into account their multiple language requirements and accessibility features to assist their disabled voters. The committee determined that direct recording electronic (DRE) equipment would be a good option.

To implement this option Alameda County decided to purchase a small quantity of Accu-Vote Touch Screen systems to be used in early voting locations and two local elections prior to a countywide implementation of the new system. The initial use of the touch screen system was a success. A plan was developed to complete the countywide implementation to this new touch screen voting system during the November 2002 General Election. Alameda County provided extensive staff training on the new system, developed instructional materials and enhanced poll worker training, provided extensive outreach education to the public on the new system, and used additional Election Day troubleshooters to ensure a quick response in the event of problems. The transition into the Accu-Vote Touch Screen system appears to be a great success. Alameda County will be conducting a full election debriefing for future improvements.

It is our recommendation to approve Alameda County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$8,779,360.86.
