

# Contra Costa County

## Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package Staff Report

### Summary

Phase 1	Amounts
Phase 1: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$4,959,984.00
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$6,736,389.70
Phase 1: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$1,653,328.00
Phase 1: Total System Cost (allowable expenses)	\$6,613,312.00
Phase 2	
Phase 2: Remaining Allocation Amount	\$1,776,405.70
Phase 2: Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$592,135.23
Phase 2: Total Estimated System Cost	Unknown
Estimated Total System Cost For All Phases	\$9,285,437.00

### **Phase 1 Voting System:**

**Hardware:** ES&S Model 100 Precinct Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) – 768 Units  
 ES&S Model 650 High Speed Central Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) – 4 Units  
 ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 100 Units

**Software:** ES&S Model 100 version 5.0.0.0  
 ES&S Model 650 version 1.2.0.0  
 UNITY Election Management Software version 2.4.3

### **Vendor:**

Elections Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S)

### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Contra Costa County has secured the Phase 1 voting system equipment and this new equipment will be implemented during the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election. During Phase 2 the county will receive another 658 AutoMARK units and these units will be implemented by the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

### **Project Completion Date:**

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

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**Accessible Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (AVVPAT):**

The AVVPAT requirement does not apply to Contra Costa County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

**Staff Report:**

Contra Costa County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Package meets the requirements for completeness. The ES&S Model 100, Model 650, and AutoMARK units being used by Contra Costa County are certified for use in California.

Contra Costa County began acquiring their new ES&S optical scan voting system in October of 2005. The county has received all of the Model 100, Model 650, and 100 of the AutoMARK units. Contra Costa County will use the ES&S Model 100 Precinct Ballot Counters in all polling locations countywide at the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election. The Model 650 High Speed Central Counter will be used to count all the absentee ballots. The county will be using 100 AutoMARK units for the first time at the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Contra Costa County believes that by implementing the AutoMARK units in a limited number in Phase 1, it will allow an opportunity to assess the smaller implementation and make adjustments for the Primary Election in June 2006. The AutoMARK offers touch screen capabilities, is not a vote-recording device, and provides voters with a variety of disabilities to vote privately and independently. During Phase 2 the county will receive another 658 AutoMARK units that will be implemented by the June 6, 2006 Primary Election. With the placement of one AutoMARK unit in every polling location it will bring the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the state accessibility requirement.

Contra Costa County has conducted an extensive outreach program to introduce the new ES&S optical scan voting system to county voters through demonstrations at community events and meetings, as well as to individuals and the local media. The county plans to survey poll workers and voters on the new system and plans to use the feedback to identify any successes and areas for improvement.

Contra Costa County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted invoices for the purchase of the 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 Election Support Services, Voter Education/Outreach and warehouse racking costs listed in the Contra Costa County Phase 1 plan would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Contra Costa County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$4,959,984.00.

**Contra Costa County Phase 1 Equipment**

Quantity	Description	Total Price
4	Model 650 High Speed Central Scanner (with Table, Dust Cover and Start-up Kit)	\$ 300,000.00
768	Model 100 Precinct Scanner (with Steel Ballot Box with Diverter and PCMCIA Card)	\$ 4,511,496.00
768	Model 100 Soft-Sided Carrying Case	\$ 80,176.00
768	Model 100 Power Cord	\$ 3,072.00
325	Model 100 Start-Up Kit	\$ 4,875.00
50	PCMCIA Cards	\$ 3,750.00
3	Omni Drive	\$ 1,500.00
650	Cardboard Secrecy Sleeves	\$ 16,250.00
	Total Supplies	\$ 320,591.00
3750	Model VI Voting Booths	
750	Model VI Accessible Voting Booths	
650	Thermal Paper Rolls	
101	Manuals	
2	Zip Disks	
768	Soft-sided Locking Transport Bags	
100	AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal with Headset and 128mb Flashcard	\$ 570,000.00
50	128mb Flashcards	\$ 3,500.00
1	AIMS Software	\$ 2,500.00
	ES&S Software License Fees	\$ 223,100.00
	Third Party Items	\$ 34,281.00
	Shipping & Handling	\$ 18,250.00
	Estimated Sales Tax	\$ 519,971.00
		\$ 6,613,312.00

**Contra Costa County Phase 2 Equipment**

Quantity	Description	Total Price
668	AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal with Headset and 128mb Flashcard	\$ 4,191,848.00
	Shipping & Handling	Unknown
	Anticipated Sales Tax	Unknown

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Contra Costa County Match Amount	\$ 2,245,463.23

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Non-Allowable Expenses Under Prop 41	
Warehouse Racking System & Services	\$ 85,000.00
Election Support Services	\$ 311,400.00
Voter Education/Outreach	\$ 261,266.00
Installation	\$ 72,128.00
Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 729,794.00