

# Fresno County

## Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

### Summary

Fresno County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$3,527,333.19
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$4,266,077.65
Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount	\$1,175,777.73
Estimated Total System Cost	\$4,816,200.12
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$738,744.46
Remaining 3:1 Matching Amount	\$246,248.15

### **Voting System:**

#### **Hardware:**

AccuVote-TSX with AccuView Printer Module (Touch Screen) version 4.6.4 – 1,000 Units  
AccuVote-OS (Optical Scan) version 1.96.6 – 80 Units

#### **Software:**

GEMS Software version 1.18.24

### **Vendor:**

Diebold Elections Systems, Inc.

### **Acquisition Schedule:**

Fresno County anticipates receiving the first 500 AccuVote-TSX units by mid-May 2006 and plans to begin using this equipment in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election. The county anticipates receiving the second 500 AccuVote-TSX units and 80 AccuVote-OS by mid-September 2006 and plans to implement this equipment in the November 7, 2006 General Election.

### **Project Completion Date:**

Fresno County projects that its project completion date will be upon certification of the November 7, 2006 General Election.

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**Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):**

The AccuVote-TSX units with the AccuView Printer component being purchased by Fresno County include a voter verifiable receipt printer, which is a VVPAT component.

**Staff Report:**

Fresno County's Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Diebold AccuVote-TSX touch screen units and AccuVote-OS Optical Scan units are certified for use in California.

Fresno County will be augmenting their existing Diebold Optical Scan voting system with touch screen equipment and additional optical scan units. Fresno County believes that the deployment of the one optical scan unit and one touch screen unit in all polling places will bring the county into full compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The touch screen 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.

Fresno County plans to deploy 500 AccuVote-TSX units during the June 6, 2006 Primary Election to be used with their existing AccuVote-OS optical scan equipment. During the November 7, 2006 General Election, the county will deploy the remaining 500 AccuVote-TSX units along with the additional new 80 optical scan units. The county believes that by using this quasi-phased approach, it will provide the county's staff and poll workers an easier transition to the new blended voting system. Fresno County will be offering early voting in their county office on the AccuVote-TSX touch screen units.

Fresno County is currently developing an extensive voter outreach program to introduce the new voting system to its voters. The county plans to hold demonstrations of the new voting equipment at community events and also plans to involve the local media to promote the new voting system. The county plans to provide its poll workers and voters with evaluation forms and surveys to get feedback on the new blended voting system.

Fresno County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified 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 support services line items listed in the Fresno County contract with Diebold would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that Fresno County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$3,527,333.19.