

Fresno County

Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Phase 2	Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$272,339.04
Phase 2: VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$2,297,989.16
Phase 2: Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount	\$90,779.68
Phase 2: Estimated Total System Cost	\$429,925.02
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$2,025,650.12
Remaining 3:1 Matching Amount	\$675,216.70

Voting System:

Hardware:

AccuVote OS Memory Cards – 20 Cards
Fujitsu FI 5750C+VRS 4.0 Scanners – Two Units
HP LJ 5200DTN Printer – One Unit
HP Designjet 800ps Printer – One Unit
Dell PowerEdge 2800 Servers – Two Units
Dell 23 inch LCD – One Unit
Opex Mail Matrix – One Unit
Opex Mail Extractor – One Unit

Vendor:

Premier Election Solutions (formally Diebold Election Systems)
Opex Corporation

Acquisition Schedule:

Fresno County has secured the Phase 2 voting equipment and this new equipment was implemented during the June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Fresno County projects that its project completion date will be upon certification of the June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

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Fresno County's Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness.

Fresno County will be augmenting their existing Premier Elections Solution (Premier) Optical Scan voting system with additional voting equipment components to assist with the increase of voters in their county who are choosing to vote- by -mail. The number of vote- by- mail voters has increased considerably since 2003. Roughly half of Fresno County's registered voters who cast a ballot in the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election voted by mail. Fresno County has asserted that as the number of vote-by-mail voters continues to grow it is imperative that they modernize the processing and preparation for counting this significant segment of their voters.

Fresno County had several amendments to their original Premier contract. The first amendment to their contract with Premier was to accept delivery of 500 AccuVote-TSx units from San Diego County in lieu of 500 new units. The other three amendments allowed Fresno to purchase additional scanners, printers, and servers to assist with their vote-by-mail ballots. The Fujitsu scanners being purchased are used to take a digital image of all voter registration affidavits containing each voter's signature. The county is able to use this scanned signature image to verify the voter's signature on the vote- by- mail ballot. The HP printers and Dell servers are supplementing the original equipment purchased to operate the voting system software for their Election Management System.

Fresno County has also purchased the Opex Corporation's "Mail Matrix" and "Extractor" to use in conjunction with their AccuVote OS vote-by-mail voting system. This equipment will be used to automate the sorting process of the returned vote-by-mail ballots by precinct and provide a secure storage of vote-by-mail ballots through the canvass process. The Opex Corporation equipment is a third-party combination of hardware and software to support the county's voting system and does not itself require certification as a voting system for use in California.

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

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Fresno County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award Letter be issued in the amount of \$272,339.04.

Fresno County VMB Formula Allocation	Amounts
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 2,297,989.16
Remaining County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$ 765,996.38

Allocation Under Prop 41 Excluding Non-Allowable Expense

Non-Allowable Expenses

Equipment Annual Maintenance Fee	\$ 64,409.25
Services Agreement	\$ 2,397.05
Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 66,806.30

Estimated Total System Cost	\$ 429,925.02
Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 66,806.30
Total Allowable Expenses	\$ 363,118.72

Recommended Funding Award (75% of Allowable Expenses)	\$ 272,339.04
Match (25% of Allowable Expense Match Amount)	\$ 90,779.68
Total Allowable Expenses	\$ 363,118.72

Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 2,025,650.12
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 675,216.70