

Imperial County

Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Imperial County	Amounts
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$653,218.33
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$653,218.33
Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount	\$217,739.44
Total System Cost	\$1,886,795.81

Voting System:

Hardware:

Precinct System: AVC Edge II (Touch Screen) version 5.0.24 – 330 Units
VeriVote Printer (DRE Printers) – 420 Units

Absentee System: Optech 400-C Tabulators (Optical Scan) – 1 Units

Software: WinEDS version 3.1.012

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Imperial County has secured its new voting equipment and this new equipment was used for the first time during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Project Completion Date:

Imperial County fully implemented its new voting system during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The AVC Edge II DRE units purchased by Imperial County include the VeriVote printers, which are a VVPAT component.

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Imperial County's Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge II DRE, the VeriVote printers, and the Optech 400-C units are certified for use in California.

Imperial County converted from a Datavote punch card voting system. Imperial County considered only Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) units for polling places and optical scan for absentee and vote-by-mail ballots. Imperial County implemented their new voting equipment during the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election.

Imperial County believes that the deployment of DRE units in all polling places will bring the county into full compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), as the DRE system provides access to those voters with disabilities, and it also will satisfy the second-chance voting requirements by not allowing over-votes and identifying under-votes to each voter. Imperial County is continuing to improve the accessibility of all of their polling locations in their county.

With the implementation of their new voting system during the special statewide election, the county was provided with an opportunity for the elections staff and voters to experience the full use of all of the components of the new voting equipment prior to the June 6, 2006 Gubernatorial Primary Election. Imperial County conducted a public relations program in both English and Spanish to prepare voters for the new system and provided their poll workers with evaluation forms to give feedback on the new voting equipment.

Imperial County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for its certified voting equipment.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Imperial County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$653,218.33.