

Inyo County

Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Inyo County	Amounts
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$158,387.99
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$158,387.99
Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount	\$52,796.00
Total System Cost	\$559,343.18

Voting System:

Hardware:

Precinct System: AVC Edge II (Touch Screen) version 5.0.24 – 45 Units
VeriVote Printer (DRE Printers) – 56 Units

Absentee System: Optech Insight Tabulators (Optical Scan) – 2 Units

Software: WinEDS version 3.1.012

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Inyo 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:

Inyo 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 Inyo County include the VeriVote printers, which are a VVPAT component.

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

Inyo County converted from a Datavote punch card voting system. Inyo County considered only Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) units for polling places and optical scan for absentee and vote-by-mail ballots. The county believes that it would be too complicated for the poll workers to work with two different systems, so decided to only provide the DRE units at the polling sites. In order to avoid implementing its new voting system during a complicated California primary election, the county decided to implement the new system during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election. This provided the county an excellent opportunity to introduce the new voting equipment to its voters and poll workers.

Inyo County solicited feedback after the November 2005 Special Statewide Election from its elections staff, voters, and poll workers, and responses were extremely positive. During the November 2005 election, Inyo County trained "Election Technicians" and stationed one or more at each polling place in the county to assist poll workers with the DRE machines. The "Election Technicians" were given special instructions on the opening and closing machine audits, setting up the audio voting module, replacing printers when necessary, and other technical issues with the new equipment. Inyo County intends to continue stationing Election Technicians throughout the county for the poll workers to call upon if needed during the upcoming June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Inyo 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.

Inyo 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 installation and training line items listed in the Inyo County contract with Sequoia would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Inyo County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$158,387.99.