

Lassen County

Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

| Phase 2 | Amounts |
|---|--------------|
| Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount | \$81,528.66 |
| Phase 2: Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount | \$102,160.63 |
| Phase 2: Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount | \$27,176.22 |
| Phase 2: County's Estimated Total System Cost | \$144,313.47 |
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| Remaining Allocation Amount | \$20,631.97 |
| Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount | \$6,877.32 |

Phase 2 Voting System:

Hardware:

AccuVote-TSX with AccuView Printer Module (Touch Screen) – 15 Units

Vendor:

Diebold Elections Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Lassen County secured the new DRE equipment in late September of 2006 and this equipment was used for the first time during the November 2006 General Election.

Project Completion Date:

Lassen County fully implemented its new voting system equipment during the November 2006 General Election.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

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

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Lassen County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Diebold AccuVote-TSX touch screen units are certified for use in California.

At the July 16, 2003 meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved Lassen County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding in the amount of \$105,635.48. Lassen County received this funding for the reimbursement of the purchase of 15 AccuVote-OS Precinct Ballot Tabulator optical scan units.

Lassen County will continue to use the AccuVote-OS units as its primary voting system. Lassen County believes that the deployment of one optical scan unit and one DRE unit in each polling place brought the county into full compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The DRE units provide access to those voters with disabilities and also satisfy the second-chance voting requirements by not allowing over-votes and identifying under-votes to each voter.

Lassen County began securing their new AccuVote-TSX units only 48 days prior to the November 2006 General Election; however, the county was able to conduct staff and poll worker training on the new equipment and develop voter education materials about the new system. The county recognized the need for extensive training on the new equipment and offered their poll workers and Election Day troubleshooters several opportunities to attend hands-on training. Lassen County is conducting post election surveys to determine the effectiveness and overall impact of their new voting system.

Lassen 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 only for voting equipment hardware and software. The training and election support services listed in the Lassen County contract with Diebold would not be covered as reimbursable claims under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Lassen County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$81,528.66.

| Lassen Initial VMB Formula Allocation | | Amounts |
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| VMB Approved Allocation Amount | | \$ 207,796.11 |
| County 3:1 Matching Amount | | \$ 69,265.37 |

| Phase 1 Payment | | Amounts |
|---|--|----------------|
| Lassen County Approved Payment Request Amount | | \$ 105,635.48 |
| Lassen County 3:1 Required Match | | \$ 35,211.83 |

| Lassen Phase 2 Remaining Formula Allocation | | Amounts |
|--|--|----------------|
| Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount | | \$ 102,160.63 |
| Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount | | \$ 34,053.54 |

| Phase 2 Non-Allowable Expenses | | |
|---|--|----------------------|
| GEMS Training Classes | | \$ 2,300.00 |
| November 2006 Election Support | | \$ 33,308.59 |
| Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses | | \$ 35,608.59 |
| <i>Phase 2 County Estimated Total System Cost</i> | | <i>\$ 144,313.47</i> |
| <i>Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses</i> | | <i>\$ 35,608.59</i> |
| <i>Phase 2 Total Allowable Expenses</i> | | <i>\$ 108,704.88</i> |

| Phase 2 Allocation | | |
|---|--|---------------|
| Recommended Funding Award (75% of Allowable Expenses) | | \$ 81,528.66 |
| Match (25% of Allowable Expense Match Amount) | | \$ 27,176.22 |
| Total Allowable Expenses | | \$ 108,704.88 |

| Lassen Remaining Formula Allocation | | Amounts |
|---|--|----------------|
| Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount | | \$ 20,631.97 |
| Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount | | \$ 6,877.32 |