

Marin County

Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Phase 1	Amounts
Phase 1: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$667,091.21
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$1,879,587.19
Phase 1: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$222,363.74
Phase 1: Total System Cost	\$921,474.61
Phase 2	
Phase 2: Remaining Allocation Amount	\$1,212,495.98
Phase 2: Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$392,145.66
Phase 2: Estimated Total System Cost	\$616,656.36
Estimated Total System Cost For Phase 1 & 2	\$1,538,130.97

Phase 1 Voting System:

Hardware: AccuVote OS 2000 (Optical Scan) – 155 Units
AccuFeed – Central Count Ballot Feeders – 4 Units

Software: GEMS Software version 1.18.19

Vendor:

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Marin County secured all of the new Phase 1 optical scan voting equipment in October of 1999 and the new system was fully implemented during the November 1999 County Unified District Election (UDEL).

Project Completion Date:

Marin County project completion date for their optical scan voting equipment was upon certification of the March 2000 Primary Election.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The VVPAT requirement does not apply to Marin County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

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Marin County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Package meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Diebold AccuVote OS 2000 units are certified for use in California.

Marin County began their investigation into purchasing a new voting system in late 1998 and conducted an initial test of optical scan equipment in 1999. Marin County convened an advisory panel to assist with selection of the voting system that would best serve the electorate. Ultimately, optical scan technology was selected and used for the first time in Marin County in the November 1999 County UDEL. The new optical scan voting equipment delivered timely election night results, and the county received positive feedback from voters both for the ease of casting ballots.

Marin County developed various presentations and scheduled demonstrations throughout the community on the new optical scan voting equipment. The county also enhanced the poll worker training materials and included equipment focused "hands-on" component to the training.

Marin County's Phase 1 optical scan equipment does not fully address the new state and federal requirements for accessibility. To fully comply with state and federal law, Marin County plans to incorporate a Phase 2 into their overall plan and intends to purchase one accessible unit for each of their polling places.

Marin County does not intend to "replace" its existing optical scan voting equipment during the county's second voting system modernization phase. The county expects that the majority of the county's voters will continue to use the optical scan voting equipment during the election process, even with the anticipated placement of touch screen voting equipment in each polling place.

While Marin County's Phase 1 voting system appears to meet the requirements for reimbursement under Proposition 41, it should be noted that any money allocated for this system would reduce the amount of money the county will have to purchase accessible voting equipment during their second phase. A Phase 2 Project Documentation Package will need to be submitted once the county begins receiving the Phase 2 accessible voting equipment units.

Marin County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted detailed invoices for their Phase 1 voting equipment. Please note that the staff-proposed Phase 1 funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 for voting equipment hardware and software only. The "Services Description" listed in the Marin County contract with Diebold (formally Global Election Systems) would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation to approve Marin County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Package and issue a Phase 1 "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$667,091.21.