

# City and County of San Francisco

## Change To Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan – Staff Report

### Summary

Phase 2	Original Amounts	New Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$2,615,503.93	\$3,544,109.50
Phase 2 Remaining VMB Initial Formula Allocation Amount	\$3,544,109.50	\$3,544,109.50
Phase 2: Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$871,834.64	\$1,181,369.83
New Phase 2: Total System Cost	\$3,792,105.22	\$8,506,933.25
New Remaining Allocation Amount	\$928,605.57	\$0
New Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$309,535.19	\$0

**Phase 2 Voting System:**

**Hardware:**

AVC Edge II (DRE) with VeriVote Printers version 5.0.24 – 610 Units  
 Optech Insight Precinct Tabulators (Optical Scan) – 610 Units  
 400-C High Speed Tabulators (Optical Scan) – 2 Units

**Software:** WinEDS version 3.1.012

**Vendor:**

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

**Acquisition Schedule:**

The City and County of San Francisco has secured its new voting equipment and this new equipment will be used for the first time during the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election.

**Project Completion Date:**

San Francisco anticipates that their new Phase 2 project completion date will be upon certification of the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election.

**Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):**

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

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San Francisco's new Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge II DRE units, Optech Insight units, and the 400-C High Speed optical scan units are certified for use in California.

At the March 19, 2003, meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved San Francisco's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding for the reimbursement of the county's purchase of the 682 ES&S Optech III-P Eagle precinct based optical scan units and 2 Optech IV-C central count optical scan ballot tabulators. San Francisco received a total of \$2,198,230.32 for the reimbursement of this precinct based voting system and is not eligible for reimbursement for the costs associated with the purchase of another precinct-based system.

At the May 25, 2006, meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved San Francisco's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan to purchase voting equipment to meet the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) accessibility requirements. San Francisco was awarded funding for the purchase of 565 ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals but did not seek reimbursement for this equipment from the VMB. The AutoMARK units were used by San Francisco to meet the state and federal accessibility requirements during the 2006 election cycle. However, the certification status of the ES&S voting systems was called into question when ES&S chose to exclude its voting systems from the Secretary of State's top-to-bottom review of the voting machines certified for use in California. San Francisco now views the purchase of the AutoMARK units as a temporary solution to meet the HAVA requirement that each polling place have at least one accessible voting unit.

San Francisco is changing its Phase 2 plan to now implement a Sequoia voting system that is certified for use in California and meets the present day testing standards. The Sequoia voting system underwent the Secretary of State's top-to-bottom review and the Rank Choice Voting (RCV) software component, mandated by the City and County of San Francisco's charter, has been filed with the federal testing authority for review. San Francisco will place one AVC Edge II DRE and one Optech Insight optical scan unit in every polling place. San Francisco believes that upgrading to this new voting system equipment and software will allow them more efficient and effective methods of processing their ballots, and allay the uncertainty of the certification status of their voting system.

San Francisco plans to conduct a voter education and outreach program for voters in their county on how to use the new voting equipment. The county has developed several methods to evaluate the effectiveness and overall impact of the new system.

San Francisco will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for the certified voting equipment and software. Please note that the staff-proposed funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41 for voting equipment hardware and software only. The charges associated with the purchase of the precinct based optical scan units, installation and training, outreach materials, and all warehouse line items listed in the San Francisco contract with Sequoia would not be covered as reimbursable claims under Proposition 41.

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**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that San Francisco’s new Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$3,544,109.50.

<b>City and County of San Francisco</b>	<b>Remaining VMB Funding Allocation</b>
Remaining Total Allocation	\$ 3,544,109.50
Remaining Total 3:1 Match	\$ 1,181,369.83
	<b>\$ 4,725,479.33</b>

<b>Allowable Expenses</b>	
HAVA ADA Compliance	\$ 2,995,630.75
High Speed Optical Scan Tabulators	\$ 184,450.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 92,225.00
Software Applications	\$ 1,400,000.00
Allowable Expenses Subtotal	\$ 4,672,305.75
8.50%	\$ 397,145.99
<b>Estimated Allowable Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,069,451.74</b>

<b>Non Allowable Expenses</b>	
Precinct Tabulators	\$ 3,256,627.50
Other	\$ 1,166,000.00
Warehouse	\$ 542,000.00
<b>Estimated Non Allowable Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,964,627.50</b>