

City and County of San Francisco

Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Phase 2	Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$2,392,695.90
Phase 2 Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$3,544,109.50
Phase 2: Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$797,565.30
Phase 2: Total System Cost	\$3,495,027.85
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$1,151,413.60
Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$383,804.53

Phase 2 Voting System:

Hardware: ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 565 Units

Software: UNITY Election Management Software version 2.4.3

Vendor:

Elections Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S)

Acquisition Schedule:

The City and County of San Francisco anticipates receiving the AutoMARK units by the beginning of May 2006. The jurisdiction plans to use the AutoMARK units for the first time at the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

San Francisco anticipates that their Phase 2 project completion date will be upon certification of the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The VVPAT requirement does not apply to San Francisco's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

Staff Report:

San Francisco's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are certified for use in California.

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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's current optical scan voting system includes the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) enhanced system software component mandated by the City and County of San Francisco charter. The certification of that RCV component expired in December 2005. The AutoMARK is not certified for use with San Francisco's existing voting system, so currently, if San Francisco uses the AutoMARK with their existing system, it must be run separately as an independent voting system with a different version of the Unity Election Management system San Francisco will be required to print two types of ballots for the polling places (i.e., one set for the Eagle Optical Scan Units and one set for the AutoMARK units.) Finally, it should be noted that an obstacle to the possible certification of the existing Optech III-P Eagles to work with the AutoMARK units and that newer version of Unity is that the Optech III-P Eagles are not compliant with the federal 2002 Voting System Standards.

Based upon feedback from the public, the certification status of AutoMARK and the county's existing contract with ES&S, San Francisco extended its existing contract with ES&S to purchase the AutoMARK units to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). San Francisco believes that the deployment of Phase 2 AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal optical scan units will bring the county into compliance with the HAVA and state accessibility requirements. One AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal unit will be placed in every polling place in San Francisco to assist voters with a variety of disabilities to vote privately and independently. The AutoMARK offers touch screen capabilities but is not a vote-recording device.

San Francisco plans to conduct a voter education and outreach program for voters in their county on how to use the new AutoMARK voting equipment. The county plans to incorporate pertinent information on the new AutoMARK units in their poll worker training curriculum. The county also plans to provide poll workers with surveys to evaluate the AutoMARK units.

San Francisco will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for the 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 delivery, installation, package removal, battery chargers and related support services line items listed in the San Francisco contract with ES&S would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that San Francisco's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$2,392,695.90.

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Change To Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan – Staff Report

Summary

Phase 2	Original Amounts	New Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$2,392,695.90	\$2,615,503.93
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	\$797,565.30	\$871,834.64
New Phase 2: Total System Cost	\$3,495,027.85	\$3,792,105.22
New Remaining Allocation Amount	\$1,151,413.60	\$928,605.57
New Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$383,804.53	\$309,535.19

Phase 2 Voting System:

Hardware: ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 565 Units

Vendor:

Elections Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S)

Staff Report:

At the May 25, 2006 meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved San Francisco’s Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding for the reimbursement of the county’s purchase of 565 ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals.

San Francisco’s Phase 2 project cost did not include the amount they would be charged for state and local sales taxes. The additional cost for sales taxes amounts to \$297,077.37. San Francisco is requesting the Voting Modernization Board approve the change to their existing Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan to include funding for the total amount of the sales taxes required to be paid on their new voting equipment.

VMB Funding Amount	\$	222,808.03
County Match	\$	74,269.34
Total New Taxes	\$	297,077.37

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that San Francisco’s change to their approved Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a new Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$2,615,503.93.