

# San Luis Obispo County

## Phase 1 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

### Summary

Phase 1	Amounts
Phase 1: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$399,188.25
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$1,690,189.44
Phase 1: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$133,062.75
Phase 1: Total System Cost	\$563,701.00
Phase 2	
Phase 2: Remaining Allocation Amount	\$1,291,001.19
Phase 2: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$430,333.73
Phase 2: Total System Cost	Unknown at this time

### **Phase 1 Voting System:**

**Hardware:** ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 110 Units

### **Vendor:**

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

### **Acquisition Schedule:**

San Luis Obispo County anticipates receiving the AutoMARK units by mid-March 2006. The county plans to use the AutoMARK units for the first time at the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

### **Project Completion Date:**

San Luis Obispo County anticipates that its Phase 1 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 Luis Obispo County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

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**Staff Report:**

San Luis Obispo County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are certified for use in California.

San Luis Obispo County will continue to use its existing Diebold AccuVote Optical Scan Precinct Ballot Tabulators voting equipment. The county plans to augment this optical scan equipment with the placement of one AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal unit in every polling place in San Luis Obispo County. San Luis Obispo County believes that the deployment of Phase 1 AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal optical scan units will bring the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the state accessibility requirements, as the AutoMARK units allow voters with a variety of disabilities to vote privately and independently.

San Luis Obispo County will be required to conform to the Secretary of State's October 5, 2005 directive regarding requirements for voting systems. Specifically, San Luis Obispo County will be allowed to use the above-stated multiple independently tested and certified voting systems together to meet federal and state requirements so long as their interface is limited to exchange of aggregated vote totals.

San Luis Obispo County plans to conduct a voter education and outreach program for voters in the county on how to use the new AutoMARK voting equipment. The county will incorporate elements of its outreach program into its training modules and is also in the process of developing an online training course. The county is considering designating specific poll workers to serve as AutoMARK specialists on Election Day. The county plans to solicit feedback from poll workers and voters via surveys and will use these responses to evaluate the new AutoMARK voting system units.

During the Phase 2 portion of San Luis Obispo County's voting system modernization plan, the county intends to purchase the ES&S optical scan equipment to be used with the AutoMARK to fully integrate the voting systems and elections processing in the county. San Luis Obispo County does not intend to complete its Phase 2 plan until after the November 2006 election.

San Luis Obispo 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 election support services and installation line items listed in the San Luis Obispo County contract with ES&S would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is our recommendation that San Luis Obispo County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$399,188.25.

<b>San Luis Obispo Initial VMB Formula Allocation</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 1,690,189.44
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$ 563,396.48

<b>Phase 1 Non-Allowable Expenses</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Election Support Services	\$ 22,100.00
Installation	\$ 9,350.00
Phase 1 Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 31,450.00
<i>Phase 1 Estimated Total System Cost</i>	\$ 563,701.00
<i>Phase 1 Total Non-Allowable Expenses</i>	\$ 31,450.00
<i>Phase 1 Total Allowable Expenses</i>	\$ 532,251.00

<b>San Luis Obispo Phase 1</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Recommended Funding Award (75% of Allowable Expenses)	\$ 399,188.25
Match (25% of Allowable Expense Match Amount)	\$ 133,062.75
Total Allowable Expenses	\$ 532,251.00

<b>San Luis Obispo Phase 2</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 1,291,001.19
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 430,333.73