

Tuolumne County

Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Tuolumne County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$410,726.23
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$410,726.23
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$136,908.74
Total System Cost	\$761,202.00

Voting System:

Hardware: ES&S Model 100 Precinct Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) – 50 Units
ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 50 Units
ES&S Model 650 High Speed Central Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) – 2 Units

Software: ES&S Model 100 version 5.0.0.0
ES&S Model 650 version 1.2.0.0
UNITY Election Management Software version 2.4.3

Vendor:

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

Acquisition Schedule:

Tuolumne County received its new voting equipment between October 2005 and February 2006. The county plans to begin using this equipment in the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Tuolumne County projects that its 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 Tuolumne County's Project Documentation Plan, as the system is a paper-based optical scan voting system.

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Tuolumne County's Project Documentation Package meets the requirements for completeness. The ES&S Model 100, Model 650, and AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are certified for use in California.

Tuolumne County will be upgrading its current ES&S Model 550 optical scan high-speed central ballot counters to the new Model 650 high-speed central optical scan ballot counters for use as its absentee voting system. The county will be placing one precinct-based ballot counter and one AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal in each polling place in its county. Tuolumne County believes that the deployment of the Model 100 optical scan units combined with the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals will bring the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the state accessibility requirements.

Tuolumne County believes that upgrading with its existing vendors will best provide a smooth transition to the new voting machines and will meet the needs of all of the county's voters, elections staff, and poll workers. The county is developing a poll worker training program to include hands-on training from setting up the polling place to gathering and delivering ballots back to the county's central counting site. Tuolumne County plans to create a survey to obtain feedback from voters and poll workers on the new voting system.

Tuolumne 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 service and warranty line items listed in the Tuolumne County contract with ES&S would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Tuolumne County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$410,726.23.