

Lake County

Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Lake County	Amounts
County Requested & Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$321,390.02
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$417,320.58
County 3:1 Required Matching Amount	\$80,347.51
Estimated Total System Cost	\$565,725.73
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$95,930.56
Remaining 3:1 Matching Amount	\$58,759.35

Voting System:

Hardware: Hart eSlate Electronic Voting Appliance (DRE) – 50 Units
Judge Booth Controller (JBC) – 50 Units
Verified Ballot Option (VBO) Printers – 50 Units
Disabled Access Unit Upgrade (DAU) – 50 Units

Software: 6.1 Software Version

Vendor:

Hart InterCivic

Acquisition Schedule:

Lake County received and used 22 eSlate units during the June 6, 2006 Primary Election and anticipates receiving the remaining 28 eSlate units by mid-September 2006. The county plans to use all 50 units in the November 7, 2006 General Election.

Project Completion Date:

Lake County projects that its project completion date will be upon certification of the November 7, 2006 General Election.

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Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

The Hart eSlate units being purchased by Lake County include the Verified Ballot Option (VBO) printers, which are a VVPAT component.

Staff Report:

Lake County's Project Documentation Package meets the requirements for completeness. The eSlate and corresponding components are certified for use in California.

Lake County has implemented a blended voting system. Lake County will continue to use its existing Mark-A-Vote optical scan voting equipment and will augment this equipment with the placement of one eSlate DRE unit in every polling place in Lake County. Lake County believes that the deployment of eSlate DRE units will bring the county into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the state accessibility requirements.

Lake County will be required to conform to the Secretary of State's October 5, 2005 directive regarding requirements for voting systems. Specifically, Lake County will be allowed to use the above-stated blended independently tested and certified voting systems together to meet federal and state requirements so long as their interface is limited to the exchange of aggregated vote totals. The county plans to duplicate onto Mark-A-Vote duplicate ballots all votes cast on the e-Slate machines using the DAU print-out as the ballot image in order for all ballots to be counted by one single tally system.

Lake County plans to conduct expanded outreach programs to the disabled community to educate and familiarize voters on the use of the eSlate DRE equipment. Lake County's project plan indicates that the county is continuing to review additional voting modernization options and may use their remaining formula allocation for these purposes.

The "InFusion" voting software listed in Lake County's contract with Hart InterCivic has not yet gained state certification and, therefore, is not eligible for reimbursement under Proposition 41.

Lake 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 professional services and extended license and support fee items listed in the Lake County contract with Hart InterCivic would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Lake County's Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$321,390.02.