

Solano County

Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

Phase 2	Amounts
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$914,332.41
Phase 2 Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$1,046,159.50
Phase 2: Staff Recommended 3:1 Matching Amount	\$304,777.47
Phase 2: County's Estimated Total System Cost	\$1,636,761.88
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$131,827.09
Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$43,942.36

Phase 2 Voting System:

Hardware: ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals (Optical Scan) – 160 Units
Additional ES&S Model 100 Precinct Ballot Counters (Optical Scan) –46 Units
Ballot on Demand Printer – 1 Unit

Software: UNITY Software version 2.4.3

Vendor:

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

Acquisition Schedule:

Solano County used the AutoMARK units for the first time at the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Solano County fully implemented the Phase 2 voting equipment during the June 6, 2006 Primary Election.

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

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

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Solano County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The ES&S AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals and the ES&S Model 100 optical scan voting units are certified for use in California.

At the September 23, 2005, meeting of the Voting Modernization Board, the Board approved Solano County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan and awarded funding for the reimbursement of the county's purchase of 225 ES&S Model 100 precinct-based optical scan units and 2 Model 650 high speed central count optical scan ballot tabulators.

Solano County's Phase 2 plan includes the purchase of not only 160 AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal optical scan units, but also an additional 46 Model 100s (to be added to the original 225 units purchases during the Phase 1), 250 ADA-compliant voting booths, one additional Ballot on Demand printer, and 225 upgraded ballot boxes.

Solano County is also requesting reimbursement of \$415,000 that was expended by the county to lease voting equipment and software, and for services provided by Diebold for purposes of the March 2004 Presidential Primary Election. Elections Code section 19234(d) requires Voting Modernization Act funding to be used only for the purchase of voting systems. Thus, reimbursement for leasing costs and services relating to a voting system are not allowable expenses under the Voting Modernization Act. Therefore, staff does not recommend reimbursement of those expenses.

Solano County 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 is placed in every polling place in Solano County 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.

Solano County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted detailed invoices for the Phase 2 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" listed in the Solano County contract with ES&S, the maintenance and warranty cost associated with the Ballot on Demand Printer, and the Diebold settlement costs would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that Solano County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$914,332.41.

Solano Initial VMB Formula Allocation	Amounts
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 2,297,314.00
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$ 765,771.33

Phase 1 Payment	Amounts
Solano County Approved Payment Request Amount	\$ 1,251,154.50
Solano County 3:1 Required Match	\$ 417,051.50

Solano Phase 2 Remaining Formula Allocation	Amounts
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 1,046,159.50
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 348,719.83

Phase 2 Non-Allowable Expenses	
Diebold Lease Agreement Settlement	\$ 415,500.00
Maintenance & Warranty on Ballot on Demand Printer	\$ 2,152.00
Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 417,652.00
<i>Phase 2 County Estimated Total System Cost</i>	<i>\$ 1,636,761.88</i>
<i>Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 417,652.00</i>
<i>Phase 2 Total Allowable Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 1,219,109.88</i>

Phase 2 Allocation	
Recommended Funding Award (75% of Allowable Expenses)	\$ 914,332.41
Match (25% of Allowable Expense Match Amount)	\$ 304,777.47
Total Allowable Expenses	\$ 1,219,109.88

Solano Remaining Formula Allocation	Amounts
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 131,827.09
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 43,942.36

	Costs Provided By Solano County
160 AutoMARK Terminal Cost	\$ 927,720.00
46 M 100 Scanners	\$ 256,223.15
Upgrade of 225 Ballot Boxes	\$ 5,800.00
250 Model VI ADA complaint booths	\$ 25,000.00
Ballot on Demand Printer (minus maintenance & warranty costs)	\$ 4,366.73
Phase 2 Total Allowable Costs	\$ 1,219,109.88