

Lassen County

Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Phase 1	Amounts
Phase 1: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$105,635.48
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$207,796.11
Phase 1: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$35,211.83
Phase 1: Total System Cost (with interest)	\$154,270.71
Phase 2	
Phase 2: Remaining Allocation Amount	\$102,160.63
Phase 2: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$34,053.54
Phase 2: Total System Cost (Estimate)	\$123,436.26

Phase 1 -- Voting System:

AccuVote Optical Scan Precinct Ballot Tabulators – 15 Units

Phase 1 -- Vendor:

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

Phase 1 -- Acquisition Schedule:

Lassen County has secured the Phase 1 optical scan voting system equipment and this new equipment was implemented during the November 2000 General Election.

Phase 1 -- Project Completion Date:

The Phase 1 optical scan voting system was fully implemented during the November 2000 General Election. The Phase 2 touch screen voting system will be operational in time for the 2006 Primary Election.

Phase 1 -- Staff Recommendation:

Lassen County's "Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package" meets the requirements for completeness. The AccuVote optical scan voting system being used by Lassen County is certified for use in California.

Lassen County's decision to convert to this new optical scan voting system was based upon several factors including: (1) the system uses current technology and software; (2) the system is already being successfully used by other counties; (3) the system was determined to be the easiest to install and implement; (4) the optical scan system will increase unassisted voting for

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senior and disabled voters; and (5) it provided Lassen County with the best system at the least cost.

Lassen County's Phase 1 technique of training the elections staff on the overall operational issues of using the optical scan equipment, coupled with poll worker training and vendor support led to the successful completion of three major elections (November 2000, March 2002 and November 2002.)

Lassen County's "Phase 1" optical scan equipment does not fully address the new state and federal requirements for accessibility. To fully comply with state and federal law, Lassen County plans to incorporate a "Phase 2" into their overall plan and intends to purchase one DRE unit for each of their polling places.

Lassen County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted "invoices" for their voting equipment.

It is our recommendation to approve Lassen County's "Phase 1 -- Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$105,635.48.

Napa County

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Summary

Napa County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$891,111.44
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$891,111.44
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$297,037.15
Total System Cost	\$1,888,148.56

Voting System:

Sequoia AVC Edge (Touch Screen System) – 250 Units

Absentee Voting System:

Sequoia Optech (Optical Scan)

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Napa County plans to receive their new voting equipment in October 2003. The county plans to use their new voting equipment for the first time at the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Napa County has projected that their project completion date will be upon certification of the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary Election.

Staff Recommendation:

Napa County's "Project Documentation Package" meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge touch screen system is certified for use in California.

In February 2002, Napa County conducted a successful early voting pilot project using touch screen units supplied by Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. Since the pilot project, Napa County has used the Sequoia AVC Edge touch screen units in three early-voting elections resulting in over 1,500 Napa County voters using the touch screen system.

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Napa County's main objective for buying the new voting systems was to meet the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). According to Napa County, the Sequoia AVC Edge touch screen system was chosen because it could be easily integrated with their overall elections management system and it addressed the HAVA requirements to include the following: (1) the system reduces the possibility of over-votes; (2) makes voting more user-friendly for all voters; (3) increases accessibility for visually impaired voters; (4) reduces printing costs for precinct ballots; (4) improves the speed of reporting election results; and (5) expands early voting locations and ease of voting.

Napa County plans to begin installation of 250 Sequoia AVC Edge touch screen units in October 2003. They also have a plan to purchase another 100 Sequoia AVC Edge touch screen units once the HAVA punch card buyout money is made available. The new voting system will comply with the Federal and State laws regarding accessibility.

Napa County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted "invoices" for their voting equipment.

It is our recommendation to approve Napa County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$891,111.44.

Orange County

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Summary

Orange County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$16,782,377.26
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$16,782,377.26
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$5,594,125.75
Total System Cost	\$26,179,534.67

Voting System:

Hart eSlate 3000 – TS (Touch Screen System) – 9,000 Units
Judge’s Booth Controllers – 1,750 Units

Absentee Voting System:

Hart Ballot Now – OS (Optical Scan System) – 3 Units

Vendor:

Maximus/Hart Intercivic

Acquisition Schedule:

Orange County plans to begin receiving their new voting equipment in July 2003. The acquisition will be fully completed by October 2003. The county plans to use their new voting equipment for the first time at the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

Orange County has projected that their project completion date will be upon certification of the November 2, 2004 Presidential General Election.

Staff Recommendation:

Orange County’s “Project Documentation Package” meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Hart eSlate 3000 touch screen system is certified for use in California. Orange County’s Registrar of Voters completed a Request For Proposal (RFP) process that included responses from eight vendors. A proposal evaluation committee was established,

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comprised of Orange County staff and an independent consulting firm. The evaluation committee unanimously selected Maximus/Hart Intercivic (Hart).

The Hart touch screen voting system was priced at 5 million dollars less than any other potential vendor. Orange County selected the Hart voting system because it included the following major components: (1) the system will reduce labor and printing cost; (2) it provides a mechanism for earlier reporting; (3) the system complies with the Americans with Disability Act; and (4) it has multilingual capabilities up to ten languages. The new voting system will comply with the Federal and State laws regarding accessibility.

Orange County plans to begin installation of the new voting system in July 2003. Their project plan includes detailed equipment acquisition plans, staff training components, and a voter education outreach program designed to allow voters the opportunity to use touch screen voting prior to Election Day.

Orange County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted "invoices" for their voting equipment.

It is our recommendation to approve Orange County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$16,782,377.26.