

Mendocino County

Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Mendocino County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$620,444.80
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$620,444.80
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$206,814.93
Total System Cost	\$865,018.24

Voting System:

Diebold AccuVote – OS (Optical Scan) Tabulators – 73 Units
Diebold AccuVote – TS (Touch Screen) – 73 Units

Vendor:

Diebold Election Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Mendocino County began receiving their new optical voting equipment in August 2003. They plan to have the new optical scan equipment acquired and in use in time for the November 2003 UDEL election. The county plans to begin acquisition of the touch screen units in December 2003 and will use this equipment in the March 2004 Presidential Primary Election.

Project Completion Date:

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

Staff Recommendation:

Mendocino County's "Project Documentation Package" meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Diebold AccuVote Optical Scan and AccuVote Touch Screen systems are certified for use in California. However, it should be noted that the optional "voter verifiable printer option" listed under the "Project Cost" breakdown (with a cost of \$43,800), is not certified and reimbursement for these costs would be contingent upon the certification of this system option.

Mendocino County currently uses the Votomatic system. The Votomatic voting system has been decertified and Mendocino County is under a federal court order to replace their system before March 1, 2004.

Mendocino County's Registrar of Voters completed a Request For Proposal (RFP) process that included responses from six vendors. The county used an evaluation team as well as public comment to evaluate the vendor proposals and equipment. Mendocino chose the Diebold optical scan and vote tabulation system for precinct and absentee voting and included one touch screen unit per polling place to meet the state and federal accessibility requirements. This system configuration allows the county to maintain a paper-based system during the modernization process.

Mendocino County will utilize the Diebold AccuVote Optical Scan system for the first time at the November 2003 UDEL election. The Diebold AccuVote Touch Screen component will be used at the March 2004 Presidential Primary. The County believes that by rolling out the two system components separately will allow for adequate training of staff, poll workers and voters.

Mendocino County will only receive VMB payments once they have submitted invoices for their voting equipment, and any reimbursement for the "voter verifiable printer option" is contingent upon the certification of this system option.

It is our recommendation to approve Mendocino County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$620,444.80.

Shasta County

Project Documentation Package Staff Report

Summary

Shasta County	Amounts
Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$1,156,557.13
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$1,156,557.13
3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$385,519.04
Total System Cost	\$1,659,035.96

Voting System:

Sequoia AVC Edge DRE (Touch Screen) – 438 Units

Absentee Voting System:

Sequoia Optech 400 C Tabulator (Optical Scan) – 2 Units

Vendor:

Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc.

Acquisition Schedule:

Shasta County received their new voting equipment in August 2003. The acquisition will be fully completed by early-September 2003. The county plans to use their new voting equipment for the first time at the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election.

Project Completion Date:

Shasta County has projected that their project completion date will be upon certification of the March 2004 Primary Election.

Staff Recommendation:

Shasta County's "Project Documentation Package" meets all of the requirements for completeness. The Sequoia AVC Edge DRE and Optech 400 C Tabulator systems are certified for use in California. Shasta County's previous system was the Votomatic system. The Votomatic voting system has been decertified and Shasta County is under a federal court order to replace their system before March 1, 2004.

Shasta County considered only Direct Recording Equipment (DRE) units for polling places and optical scan for absentee and vote by mail ballots. This consideration was made largely due to the new federal Help America Vote Act requirements and new state law requirements regarding accessibility.

Shasta County's overall strategy for selecting the Sequoia voting system is as follows: (1) the system will provide a simplified voting experience for the voter; (2) it will reduce burdens on poll workers; (3) it will increase accessibility and independence for voters with special needs; (4) it will remove the potential for voter error and the ambiguity associated with the old Votomatic punch card system; and (5) the system was selected in part for Sequoia's commitment to service by working closely with the county staff to ensure a successful transition to the new voting system.

Shasta County planned to begin installation of the new voting system for use at their November 2003 UDEL election. Due to logistical problems, Shasta County no longer had access to their legacy Votomatic voting system. Therefore, they were forced to move up the implementation date for the new voting system to the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election. While the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election was unforeseen, it will allow Shasta County to use their new voting system in one statewide election and one county UDEL election before the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary Election.

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

It is our recommendation to approve Shasta County's "Project Documentation Package" and issue a "Funding Award" letter in the amount of \$1,156,557.13.