

San Luis Obispo County

Phase 2 – Project Documentation Plan Staff Report

Summary

San Luis Obispo County	
Initial Allocation Amount	\$1,690,189.44
VMB 3:1 Funding Award Amount	\$399,188.25
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$133,062.75
Amount Dispersed to County	\$399,188.25
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$1,291,001.19
Phase 2: Staff Recommended Funding Award Amount	\$561,938.36
Phase 2: Remaining Approved Allocation Amount	\$1,291,001.19
Phase 2: 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$187,312.79
Phase 2: Total System Cost	\$1,269,896.00
Remaining Allocation Amount	\$729,062.83
Remaining 3:1 Matching Fund Amount	\$243,020.94

Phase 2 Voting System:

Hardware:

Dominion Voting Systems Mail Ballot Printer
 Dominion Voting Systems ImageCast Central Tabulator
 Election Systems & Software Mail Ballot Verifier

Software:

Dominion Voting Systems Remote 5.2
 ImageCast Adjudication Application
 Democracy Suite 5.2 Voting System
 Democracy Suite Mobile Ballot Printing System v.5.2.18.2

Vendor:

Dominion Voting Systems
 Election Systems & Software

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Acquisition Schedule:

San Luis Obispo County received the Part 1 equipment between February and March of 2018. The County successfully implemented the Part 1 equipment for the June 5, 2018 California Statewide Direct Primary Election. San Luis Obispo received the Part 2 equipment in early August and has since completed training and testing.

Project Completion Date:

San Luis Obispo County anticipates that its Phase 2 project completion date will be upon certification of the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Staff Report:

San Luis Obispo County's Phase 2 Project Documentation Plan meets the requirements for completeness. The Image Cast Voting System is certified for use in California.

Phase 1 for the County began in 2006, when it purchased Automark ballot marking devices (BMDs) as supplemental voting equipment from Election Systems & Software (ES&S) to meet Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirements. This equipment was used to supplement their Election Management System (EMS) purchased in 1999, the Global Election Management System (GEMS). At the March 27, 2006 meeting, the Voting Modernization Board (VMB) approved San Luis Obispo's Phase 1 funding award in the amount of \$399,188.25. The County submitted the necessary invoices and received the approved amount, resulting in a remaining allocation amount of \$1,291,001.19.

After completing several successful elections from 1999 through 2016 with the GEMS and the supplemental ES&S devices purchased in 2006, the County determined the blended system would no longer effectively serve the County to meet new accessibility requirements and business needs.

In the Fall of 2017, the County began the search for a new system and determined the Dominion Voting Systems (DVS) Image Cast Voting System (ICVS) would serve the County best in this new phase of modernizing elections in San Luis Obispo. The system has several capabilities that have and will serve the County's business needs using one system to perform ballot layout and printing, tabulation, scanning, and reporting. Additionally, in order to further meet the business needs of the County's increased VBM ballots, San Luis Obispo has contracted with ES&S and purchased Mail Ballot Verifier (MBV) machines to keep up with the increasing amount of VBM ballots. While this new system is not intended for immediate implementation of the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) model in 2020, it will meet the requirements should the County Board of Supervisors approve a switch to the vote center model in the future.

For Phase 2, San Luis Obispo has implemented this new system in two parts. For Part 1, the County focused on the internal components of the system and executed the ballot layout, central tabulation system, Mobile Ballot Printing (MBP), and on-site ImageCast X (ICX) BMDs to duplicate ballots when required all from the ICVS. This first part also included the installment of the ES&S MBV machines at the County headquarters. This first part was successfully implemented in time for the 2018 Primary and General elections.

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Part 2 involves implementing the ICX BMDs in all polling places to allow voters with auditory, visual, or physical limitations to utilize a customizable touchscreen interface to both understand their ballot and cast their vote privately and independently. The County has also undertaken the need to meet the requirements for Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail (RAVBM) ballots for voters that need a more accessible VBM option. Under the DVS contract, the County purchased the ImageCast Remote 5.2 system in order to meet the requirements and provide this accessible option to voters. The Part 2 equipment has been delivered and installed as of August 2019. Training has also been conducted and the County is ready to prepare for the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Although the ICX accessible units are certified by the California Secretary of State's office and reimbursable under the provisions of the VMB, the County has been previously reimbursed for BMDs in their Phase 1. Therefore, it is the staff's interpretation of the law that the County is ineligible for another reimbursement through the Board for the same type of equipment. However, under the new Voting System Replacement Contract, the County may be reimbursed for the ICX devices under the same match requirements as the VMB.

San Luis Obispo County will only receive VMB payments once it has submitted all detailed invoices for its certified voting equipment and additional voting technology components. Please note that the staff proposed funding award is based upon allowable reimbursement under Proposition 41. Election support, maintenance, project management, and warranties listed in the San Luis Obispo County contracts with Dominion Voting Systems and Election Systems & Software would not be covered as a reimbursable claim under Proposition 41. A chart of non-allowable expenses is attached detailing all ineligible expenses from San Luis Obispo's Phase 2 of Voting Modernization.

Staff Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that San Luis Obispo County's Phase 1 Project Documentation Plan be approved and a Funding Award letter be issued in the amount of \$561,938.36.

**Voting Modernization Board
San Luis Obispo Non-Allowable Expenses**

San Luis Obispo Initial VMB Formula Allocation	Amounts
VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 1,291,001.19
County 3:1 Matching Amount	\$ 430,333.73

Phase 2 Non-Allowable Expenses	Amounts
ES&S Mail Ballot Verifier Hardware/Software Maintenance	\$ 31,500.00
DVS ImageCast X Ballot Marking Device Units	\$ 8,250.00
Project Management	\$ 12,500.00
3 Day Election Onsite Support (2018 Primary & General)	\$ 9,000.00
Election Support	\$ 8,000.00
ICC Extended Warranty (3 yrs x 4 units)	\$ 18,000.00
ICX Extended Warranty (3 yrs x 3 units)	\$ 1,395.00
ImageCast X - BMD Accessible Units (21 inch) ICX Firmware, Tablet, 5 Voter activation cards, printer, cables, power cord	\$ 317,500.00
ImageCast Central - G1130 Annual Warranty Fee	\$ 3,000.00
ImageCast X - BMD (21") Annual Warranty Fee	\$ 15,500.00
Election Set up per Election	\$ 64,000.00
Election Ballot Definition Spanish/Tagalog	\$ 32,000.00
Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses	\$ 520,645.00
<i>Phase 2 Estimated Total System Cost</i>	<i>\$ 1,269,896.14</i>
<i>Phase 2 Total Non-Allowable Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 520,645.00</i>
<i>Phase 2 Total Allowable Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 749,251.14</i>

San Luis Obispo Phase 2	Amounts
Recommended Funding Award (75% of Allowable Expenses)	\$ 561,938.36
Match (25% of Allowable Expense Match Amount)	\$ 187,312.79
Total Allowable Expenses	\$ 749,251.14

San Luis Obispo Phase 3	Amounts
Remaining VMB Approved Allocation Amount	\$ 729,062.84
Remaining 3:1 County Required Matching Amount	\$ 182,265.71