

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Registrar of Voters

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 4, 2003

SUBJECT: VOTING SYSTEM WARRANTY AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve the proposal submitted by Sequoia Voting Systems which would provide an extended two-year warranty for the County's 4,250 Edge Units and 1,500 Card Activation Units, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005 and amend the existing contract with Sequoia Voting Systems to delete Section 5 in Exhibit A.

BACKGROUND:

Riverside County's warranty agreement on its existing electronic voting system expired on December 31, 2002. In discussing with Sequoia Voting Systems an extension of that warranty period recognizing the major Presidential elections occurring in 2004, our contract currently provides an option of extended warranty at a cost of \$75 per unit or \$318,750 annually. In addition, the County has acquired 1,500 Card Activation Units which also do not have an existing warranty. A warranty for this equipment would cost \$45,000 annually to purchase or \$30/unit. Rather than have the County expend this amount of funds during a year in which budgets are severely constrained as a result of the State deficit, Sequoia has submitted a proposal which would provide a two year extended warranty protection to the County for all electronic voting units and card activation units in exchange for the deletion of Section 5 in Exhibit A of the contract which would be mutually beneficial.

This particular provision will expire next year when it is anticipated most jurisdictions will not be acquiring new voting systems due to the conduct of major elections. In addition, new versions of our voting system are being manufactured with different components, although we are able to update software and firmware for 10 years at no cost to the county, recognizing the County was a beta site for this technology. There have been other significant developments in Federal and State election reform that could not have been predicted when this contract was initially executed. Such a provision would not have been included had these changes been known. Sequoia, however, wants to offer Riverside County a significant benefit in terms of protecting the maintenance and operational efficiency of its voting system by proposing a two year extension of warranty protection for all its existing equipment which is recommended for approval.


MISCHELLE TOWNSEND
Registrar of Voters

Attachment

FINANCIAL DATA:				
CURRENT YEAR COST	\$ N/A	ANNUAL COST	\$ N/A	
NET COUNTY COST	\$ N/A	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	N/A	
		BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	N/A	FOR FY: 02/03

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE



County Executive Officer Signature

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

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Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

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