



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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FROM: Dean C. Logan,  Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE WORK ORDER #23-013 EXCEEDING \$300,000 UNDER THE AS-NEEDED VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE (VSAP) ENHANCEMENTS AND SUPPORT SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT (VESSMA)

This is to advise your Board of the intent of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) to execute Work Order #23-013 under VESSMA Category 7: BMD/BMG Enhancement & Maintenance with Smartmatic USA Corp. in the amount of \$3,022,110 for VSAP 4.0 BMD/BMG Enhancements.

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2022, your Board approved VESSMA, which utilizes a competitive bid process to engage approved vendors to provide critical election support services in the areas of operations management, network support, load testing, cybersecurity, tally enhancements, education and outreach, and other election support services. In accordance with VESSMA Section 6.0, Board notice is required for work orders exceeding \$300,000.

SCOPE OF WORK

The RR/CC is looking to obtain software development and support services for the development of VSAP Version 4.0 Ballot Marking Device ("BMD") and BMD Manager ("BMG") system (collectively, VSAP 4.0 or VSAP 4.0 Project). This engagement will include the provision of a development team and subject matter expert support partner by the contractor under this Work Order.

The purpose of VSAP 4.0 is the development, implementation, certification, and support of at least 31,100 BMDs and related software components. The BMDs are an essential component of the voting experience, which was envisioned, designed, and engineered over several phases of the VSAP program, and is used by County voters to cast paper ballots at a vote center during an election. BMD and BMG are custom software solutions implemented on an open-source software stack that is owned by the County.

JUSTIFICATION

The County is required to adhere to VSAP 3.0 California Secretary of State Certification Use Conditions, which were identified upon certification. The RR/CC is undertaking a two-year development project for VSAP 4.0, with a focus on various crucial aspects, to meet regulatory and legal compliance. The County aims to adhere to the VSAP 3.0 California Secretary of State Certification Use Conditions, ensure compliance with Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), implement Full Disk Encryption, and address the operating systems' end-of-life status. The VSAP 4.0 Project will pursue both interim and final certification opportunities, while accommodating any unforeseen system requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for VESSMA is part of the RR/CC Fiscal Year 2023-2024 approved budget. No additional Net County Cost is required.

VESSMA work order terms do not cross fiscal years to align with approved funding.

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

Consistent with VESSMA policies and procedures, we are informing your Board of our intention to execute the above-mentioned Work Order #23-013. If no objection is received from your Board in 10 business days, we will proceed with execution of Work Order #23-013 Category 7.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 462-2716 or dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov. Your staff may also contact Jerome Jordan, Assistant Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at (562) 462-2652 or email jjordan2@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

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