



# Memorandum

To: John M. Lamerato, Acting City Manager  
From: Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk  
Date: May 31, 2006  
Subject: **Agenda Item:** Standard Purchasing Resolution 4: Contract #071B4200234 State of Michigan and Election Systems and Software, Inc. – Central Count Optical Scan Voting System (Model M650) – Sole Source Vendor

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Clerk's Office requests approval and authorization to purchase one (1) Central Count Optical Scan voting system from sole source vendor, Election Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S) - 11208 John Galt Blvd. Omaha, Nebraska 68137 at a budgeted cost of \$65,000.00 to assist in the tabulation of absent voter ballots for all federal, state and local elections conducted in the City of Troy. This purchase would be effective in the 2006-07 Fiscal Year, with the City of Troy to take delivery on or after July 1, 2006.

The Absentee Ballot System (ABS) consists of a tabulator with modem, ballot box and memory device, and is compatible with the Unity Software previously acquired by the City Clerk's office from ES&S and uses the same ballots printed for the M-100 Voting Devices. The funding for the Unity Software and associated election equipment was provided by participation in the State of Michigan and Oakland County election equipment grant application (Resolution #2004-12-628-E-15) in compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

## **BACKGROUND**

The M-650 Central Count Optical Scan voting system is a State of Michigan approved voting system. The M-650 is the only compatible high speed ballot counter with the City of Troy existing equipment and would be secured as a sole source purchase.

The City Clerk's office noticed a significant delay in results directly related to the usage of the M-100 voting devices in the Absent Counting Board. The M-100 processes ballots at approximately 4 per minute compared to the 300 ballots per minute processed by the M-650. The City Clerk's office anticipates approximately 11,000 Absent Voter ballots being cast this November with the possibility of a

significant absent voter increase during large Presidential Elections. The M-100 would not be adequate for processing ballot during large State-wide elections.

The availability of the M-650 is extremely limited and therefore the City Clerk's office believes it imperative to expeditiously move this item forward to get in the delivery queue.

**BUDGET**

Funds for this voting system are available, Budget Line #192-7978.



**APPENDIX F  
COST PROPOSAL FORM**

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Price Breakdown – Mandatory Items	Model/Version	A. Unit Price (ea.)	B. Unit Price (ea.) Including G and A	C. Performance Guarantee		
				Performance Bond Cost per Unit	Insurance Cost per Unit	Other Solution Cost per Unit
Precinct Count Optical Scan voting system tabulator with modem, ballot box and two(2) PCMCIA cards	Model M100	\$5,528.00 (see Appendix G, Page 1 of 2)	\$5,528.00 (see Appendix G, Page 1 of 2)	\$233	None	None
County based Election Management System (EMS)	UNITY	\$0	\$0	\$0	--	--
Jurisdiction based Election Management System (EMS)	UNITY	\$0	\$0	\$0	--	--

Price Breakdown – Optional Items	Model/Version	Unit Price (ea.)
Central Count Optical Scan voting system Absentee Ballot System (ABS) tabulator with modem, ballot box and memory device	Model M650	\$30,000 - up to 20,000 Registered Voters  \$40,000 – over 20,000 Registered Voters  \$65,000 – over 100,000 Registered Voters
Voting Booth	Model VI	\$160
Approved Ballot Storage Container	Secrecy Sleeve	\$2.50 (Other containers are available as set forth in our January 27, 2004 Price Clarifications Response)
Memory Device	PCMCIA Card	\$98
Memory Device Transport Container		\$10 to \$12 each, subject to approval by the Department of Elections
Extra Optical Scan Tabulators	Model M100	\$4,492 (includes base price of \$3,925, 3 year warranty and shipping. Purchase of additional units will not result in an increase in post warranty EMS maintenance fees)
Jurisdiction based Election Management System (EMS)		

Note: pricing for the Optional items (other than the Model M100) does not include shipping.

Optional Post Warranty Maintenance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Annual maintenance price per Precinct Count Optical Scan unit	\$133	\$137	\$142	\$147	\$153
Annual maintenance price per EMS	\$88	\$88	\$91	\$94	\$97
Annual maintenance price per High Speed ABS	\$2,000	\$2,072	\$2,144	\$2,216	\$2,300