

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
ACTING AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

ORDER NO. 03-074

Approving an Exemption from the Formal Competitive Bid Process the Contract with Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) for the Purchase of New Vote Tabulation Equipment, Unity Software and Election Support Services

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Board, acting as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board to review, pursuant to PCRB Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4), a request from the Department of Business and Community Services, Elections Division, for an exemption from the formal competitive bid process the contract with Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) for the purchase of new vote tabulation equipment (Model M650), Unity Software and election support services for the period May 30, 2003 to November 30, 2003. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$462,500.
- b. ES&S is the only vendor certified in Oregon for the sale of vote tabulation equipment compatible with Multnomah County's use of voting bubbles on a paper ballot. It is of enormous public benefit to continue to use the same method of vote tabulation. Model M650 is able to scan 19" ballots, thus increasing the potential number of offices/measures printed on the ballot. The existing Model 550 can only scan 14" ballots. In the November 2000 General Election, the cost of printing the ballots was \$559,463.13. Using the Model M650, the printing cost would have been reduced by \$200,000.
- c. This exemption request is in accord with the requirements of Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4).

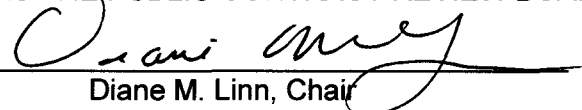
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:

The exemption from the formal competitive bid process for the contract with Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) for the purchase of new vote tabulation equipment (Model M650), Unity software, and election support services for the period May 30, 2003 to November 30, 2003 be approved.

ADOPTED this 29th day of May, 2003.



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Diane M. Linn, Chair

REVIEWED:

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