



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE WORK ORDERS #26-006 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 (WO) #26-006 under VESSMA Category 7 - BMD (Ballot Marking Devices)/BMG (Ballot Marking Device Manager) Enhancement and Maintenance – “VSAP 5.0 BMD/BMG Enhancements and Support” for the amount of \$4,782,000 with Smartmatic USA Corporation (Smartmatic) to support all elections occurring between July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, including the November 3, 2026 General Election.

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

Software development and support services provided by Smartmatic under #26-006 Category 7 will support VSAP Version 5.0 project. This includes the BMD, BMD Manager (BMG) system, Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB), and Enterprise Signing Authority (ESA), collectively referred to as "VSAP 5.0."

The engagement requires Smartmatic to provide a development team, project management, subject matter expert support, and knowledge transfer. This WO will support 31,100 BMDs and their related software components.

JUSTIFICATION

The VSAP 5.0 Project is a critical multi-year modernization effort necessary to maintain, enhance, certify, and support the County's VSAP voting system infrastructure, including the development, implementation, certification, and operational readiness of 31,100 new BMDs, the BMG system, ISB, and ESA components. These systems are essential to supporting secure, accessible, and legally compliant voting services for more than 5.7 million registered voters across Los Angeles County. The project addresses multiple operational, legal, cybersecurity, and certification mandates, including compliance with Elections Code section 14201 requiring support for five additional languages prior to the 2028 Presidential Primary Election, enhancements to Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) functionality, replacement of end-of-life software components, and implementation of required security and compliance improvements in accordance with California Voting System Standards (CVSS) and existing VSAP 4.0 certification use conditions. The project also supports the County's long-term strategic objective of reducing vendor dependency through formal knowledge transfer and hands-on participation for County technical staff, strengthening internal technical expertise and long-term sustainability of the VSAP platform. This WO is critical to supporting operational readiness for the November 2026 General Election by ensuring continued support, testing, maintenance, and stability of the County's voting system infrastructure while VSAP 5.0 development and certification activities are underway, and will help ensure transparency, security, accessibility, and operational integrity throughout future election cycles, including the 2028 Presidential Election and beyond.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is included in RR/CC's existing budget, with additional funding requested through the FY 2026-27 Final Changes Budget process, pending approval by the CEO. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process, as needed.

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

Consistent with VESSMA policies and procedures, we are informing your Board of our intention to execute the above-mentioned WO #26-006. If no response or objection is received from your Board within ten (10) business days, we will proceed with execution of the WO.

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

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