Proposal for a New Election Management System (EMS)

NEVADA COUNTY ELECTIONS

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Election Management Systems

- Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires States to maintain a "computerized statewide voter registration list" (VoteCal)
- Local election management systems (EMS), which maintain county records, must be able to synchronize registration data from <u>all</u> sources (paper, online, DMV, etc.) with VoteCal
- Nevada County's current EMS is Data Information Management Systems, Inc. (DIMS), which was first implemented in 1996
- EMS may not be used unless certified by the Secretary of State, pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 19066



Election Management Systems

State to County:

- Online Voter Registration
- DMV & other NVRA registration agencies
- NCOA / USPS data
- Dept. of Corrections (felon)
- SS Death Index
- Court records (conservatorships)
- Duplicate registration & participation records



County to State:

- Paper registrations (new & existing voters)
- Vote center data (in person voters & location information)
- Conditional (i.e., same day) registration issuance
- Provisional ballot issuance
- In house updates & corrections to registration and voting history



ViBE Project

- Provista founded by experts in statewide databases that manage voter registration information
- Voters, Ballots, Elections (ViBE) EMS was created to offer counties a more modern, accurate interface to conduct important registration and reporting activities
- ViBE was certified on October 17, 2024, making it the third EMS available for use in California
- Certification required a pilot county (Nevada) to conduct User
 Acceptance Testing and evaluation in partnership with the State's
 VoteCal team—this process occurred over several months



Expected Fiscal Impact

	DIMS	ViBE*
	Renewal option for 2025-2026	Proposed contract for 2025-2026
Maintenance & Support	\$86,331	\$90,000
Nevada County IT billable hours	\$15,190**	N/A***
Production & CTE Server fees	\$6,946	\$24,000
Total Projected Cost	\$108,467	\$114,000



^{*}ViBE also includes a one-time \$49,000 implementation cost that will not impact the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

^{**108.5} Billable hours based on the average of Nevada County IT DIMS billable hours from 2021-2024

^{***}Nevada County IT anticipates only negligible costs to support ViBE

Benefits to Nevada County

- Less time, money, and effort spent on resolving sync and other technical issues
- Improved ability to meet candidate and data requester needs
- Improved user interface and security features
- Consistently more accurate reports of voter registration and participation history
- Low one-time implementation fee

