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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Natalie Adona, Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the contract between the County of Nevada and

Provista Software Corporation, pertaining to the procurement of Voters, Ballots, Elections (ViBE) Election Management System (EMS) for Nevada County Elections, in the total amount of \$640,501.00 for the period of March 3, 2025 through April 30, 2030, and authorizing the Chair

of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the contract for the implementation, software, and maintenance and support agreement for Voters, Ballots, Elections (ViBE) election management system (EMS).

<u>FUNDING</u>: Nevada County Elections has budgeted for and has a grant award for the implementation of a new EMS. One-time implementation fees total \$49,001.00, which is covered by our current budget and Standard Agreement #18G30129 (approved by the Board of Supervisors via Resolution #20-038), which has \$61,665.30 of funding specifically for EMS replacement and comes at a 3:1 match. Our budget also has funds available for the \$114,000.00 for the May 1, 2025 first year payment for maintenance and support for ViBE. This contract will replace our current contract with Runbeck for the Data Information Management Systems, Inc. (DIMS) EMS. The contract financial obligation is as follows:

Perpetual License Fee	\$1.00
Implementation	\$49,000.00
Year 1 (May 1, 2025-April 30, 2026)	\$114,000.00
Year 2 (May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027)	\$114,000.00
Year 3 (May 1, 2027-April 30, 2028)	\$117,500.00
Year 4 (May 1, 2028-April 30, 2029)	\$121,000.00
Year 5 (May 1, 2029-April 30, 2030)	\$125,000.00
Total Cost	\$640,501.00

Revenue and expenditures for this contract are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 adopted budget. No budget amendment is required.



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BACKGROUND: Since 1996, DIMS has provided Nevada County Elections with a software license and maintenance and support for its EMS. The EMS allows the County to conduct voter registration, list maintenance, and maintain voter participation history. Each county maintains an EMS and the California Secretary of State (SOS) maintains a statewide database of voter registration and participation history called VoteCal, which must synchronize its data with the Nevada County Elections EMS.

Since 2020, Nevada County Elections has served as the pilot county for testing and certification of ViBE, which is a product of Provista Software Corporation. ViBE went through a development stage and multiple rounds of testing, which involved our Nevada County Elections team and the SOS VoteCal team. On October 17, 2024 the California SOS certified Provista's ViBE, making it the only cloud-based EMS certified in the State of California and the third company authorized to offer election management services in the state.

ViBE will allow Nevada County Elections to accomplish more with fewer county resources, including greater data capacity, streamlined functionality of voter registration and reports, and synchronizing data with VoteCal. The system also eliminates the need to host a server and perform software maintenance and is anticipated to save Nevada County many hours of work each year. The yearly renewal cost for this contract will be comparable to DIMS, when factoring in the current maintenance and support fees and the cost associated with hosting an internal server.

Item Initiated by: Corey O'Hayre **Approved by:** Natalie Adona

Submittal Date: 2/10/2025

Revision Date: