



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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TO: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman
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NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT FOR ENTERPRISE SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT (ESMA) WORK ORDER 2016-010

This is to notify your Board of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's intent to enter into an engagement with Digital Foundry as part of the County's Voting Systems Assessment Project (VSAP). This action, pursuant to Section 6.0 of the Los Angeles County Enterprise Services Master Agreement (ESMA), will initiate ESMA Work Order 2016-010 with Digital Foundry in the amount of \$895,000 for a 6-month period.

The implementation strategy of VSAP involves rolling out the various components of the new voting experience in multiple phases. While the County prepares and eventually solicits for the services of a system integrator to manufacture the Ballot Marking Device and other components to be used in Countywide vote centers in the 2020 election cycle, the Department intends, in the 2018 election cycle, to roll out the new Vote by Mail (VBM) voting experience as well as the new Tally system required to read and tabulate the voted VBM ballots.

The Department is working aggressively to meet its goals of phasing in VSAP implementation in 2018 and completing full implementation in 2020. Leveraging the Department's recent development of an Advanced Proof of Concept of the Tally software design, which successfully demonstrated the end-to-end feasibility of VSAP ballot processing, Digital Foundry will lead and guide the software engineering effort to implement a scalable and robust VSAP tally solution. The solution will employ industry-standard, open source software that ensures vote counting in Los Angeles County is accurate, transparent and auditable, and adheres to the Voting System Principles established at the foundation of the VSAP.

Successful execution and completion of Work Order 2016-010 with Digital Foundry will result in the development and testing of the Tally component of the VSAP voting solution, and a pilot of the new VBM voting solution in the June 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election, both of which must receive approval from the California Secretary of State.

c: Chief Executive Office
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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County Counsel