

April 22, 2002

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

GARTNER CONSULTING ELECTION-RELATED PROPOSAL

Recently your offices received a letter from Gartner Consulting outlining a specific proposal in the amount of \$98,750 to conduct a market scan, identify sources of funds, identify risks, etc. with regard to implementing a touch screen voting system countywide. As you know, our office has compiled and distributed several in-depth reports on this subject. Additionally, last week your Board approved a contract with Diebold Election Systems that incorporates touch screen voting with a new ballot layout and tally system that is part of the County's long-range plan to phase in electronic voting. The Diebold contract will permit touch screen voting to be available at 21 sites in conjunction with the early voting period preceding the November 5, 2002 General Election for any of the County's voters who wish to cast a ballot electronically this Fall.

A meeting has been scheduled for Gartner Consulting to make a presentation regarding their proposal to our Department's election managers and technical staff on May 16th. While I do believe consulting services will be essential as we move toward countywide implementation of new voting technology in the future, there are other consulting companies with experience in election consulting that should be considered prior to any proposed contract negotiation regarding the scope of consulting in this area.

As always we will keep you informed as the County progresses toward the goal of new voting system implementation.

c: CIO
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