

The Future of Voting in
California: The People, the
Equipment, the Cost
California's Voting System Testing
and Approval Program

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Application

- Full description of system and components
- Technical data package
- Proposed California Use Procedures
- Ownership information
- Certification status in other states; problems
- Full voting system for testing
- Escrow deposit

Test Plan

- Testing consultants, Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment staff, vendor representatives
- Standard schedule: 17 weeks *after* application is complete
- Develop detailed, custom schedule and plan
- Vendor has option to select simultaneous tracks to shorten total time required

Test Process

- Build trusted system
- Functional testing
- Ballot creation
- Run test elections for California needs
- Volume testing
- Source code review and red team testing
- Accessibility testing

Public Hearing and Decision

- Prepare testing results reports
- Public hearing
- Consideration by Secretary of State
- Secretary of State issues written decision on whether the voting system will be approved for use in California elections