

Vision

What is the overall vision for the new voting system? Is this vision clearly defined, or is it still taking shape?

How disruptive does the City want to be with its new system? Is there interest in implementing a solution that is unique to San Francisco, or is there a preference for a plug-and-play solution?

What are the key learnings that the City would like to draw from LAC VSAP and incorporate into its solution?

Has the City established what the various components of the new voting system will be? What components are currently being considered? (e.g., ballot marking device, electronic poll book, scanners, etc.)

In terms of the new voting system, what is the City's open source strategy and governance model? In what ways is the City considering how it will promote transparency and public engagement as part of the system design and administration?

When you think of "open source" as applied to this project, what does that mean to you?

Approach

How important is an agile and user-centered design approach in terms of implementing a new voting solution?

Does the City plan to develop its new solution through a consortium approach, where it pools resources with like-minded cities and counties?

Is the City open to a discovery phase that narrows the problem space and develops potential solutions for further exploration prior to an RFP? This engagement may consist of the following tasks: vision definition, requirements gathering, user research and testing, prototyping, architectural design, technical proofs, etc.

What documentation will be required of vendors throughout the process?

What is the expected budget for the new voting system? Pre-implementation, software, hardware?

Timeline

If a solution is not implemented prior to the expiration of the Dominion contract in 2016, what options are being considered for bridging the gap?

How might the current legal action facing SB 360 affect the City's plans and timeline for a new voting system?

Experience

What distinctive attributes of San Francisco should influence the design of the City's voting system?

How much experience design is expected? Will the City need to design new ballots, or does it plan to use existing ballots with the new technology?

In San Francisco, more than half of voters vote by mail. What is the vision for vote by mail going forward? Should it be the centerpiece of the new system?

Can we help the City envision the move from voting by precinct to a voting-centered system?

Other than English, Chinese, Spanish & Filipino, are there other language requirements the City anticipates? Is it Standard Chinese?

Technology / Infrastructure

How much of the City's supporting election management infrastructure is expected to remain? To what extent will the new solution need to integrate with the current state EMS and for what purposes?

Does EIMS output election data in a standardized way? (EML, VIP 5, 1622, ...)

What APIs exist to retrieve ballot definition data from EIMS?

What APIs exist to send election results back into EIMS?