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		Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante
1. Vendor Issues						
	Plan B Equipment					
	A. System Costs	<p>Estimated System and Vendor Costs Associated with Deploying an Avante Ballot Marking Device to 121 Poll Site</p> <p>Item: Indiv. Costs; # Required; Total Costs</p> <p>BMDs: \$3,600; 121; \$435,600 Visually impaired accessory kits: \$280; 121; \$33,880 battery Packs: \$180; 121; \$21,780 voting tables: \$800; 121; \$96,800 ballot encoders: \$800; 121; \$96,800 voter cards: \$2; 3,000; \$6,000 license fees: 30,000; 1; \$30,000</p> <p>Total System Costs: \$720,860</p> <p>Program Training: \$1,000; 10; \$10,000</p> <p>Total Avante Hardware and software \$730,860</p>	N/A	<p>battery packs: \$180,000; \$144,000.00 sip and puff accessories: \$55,000; \$44,000.00 visually impaired accessories: \$280,000; \$224,000.00 consumables: \$55,000; \$44,000.00 voter tracker: \$3,600,000; \$2,880,000.00 encoder: \$800,000; \$640,000.00 smart cards: \$2,000; \$9,600,000; 6 per machines headphone covers: \$0.02; \$800,000; 50 pr per machines</p> <p>\$3,986,400.00</p>	\$9,092,175	N/A
	B. Vendor Services	<p>\$10,000: All systems would need to arrive no later than three months prior to the first election for implementation. Vendor will need to provide 5 days training associate with ballot programming Costs included in sheet one attachment</p>	N/A	<p>license fee: \$30,000.00 software installation: \$10,000.00 programming: \$3,000.00 voter education: \$15,000.00 community outreach: \$ 8,000.00</p> <p>\$66,000.00</p>	\$966,216.00	<p>Poll worker training at \$80 an hour for 16 hours = \$1,280.00 Training of office staff for installation of DMV at \$80 an hour for one day = \$640.00</p>
	C. Vendor Support	<p>\$8,000: Would require at least 4 on site support specialist for the first two elections approximate cost: \$8,000. Some support would have to be negotiated within the contract</p>	N/A	<p>This is billed currently as an hourly charge. We anticipate 1000 hours at \$120 per hour totaling \$120,000.</p>	N/A	<p>Election Day support 1 Avante person at 16 hours at \$80 an hour = \$1,280.00 Support for installation of DMV at \$80 an hour for two days = \$1,280.00</p>

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	D. Comments	<p>Total Costs Associated with Deploying an Avante Ballot Marking Device to 149 Poll Site - ORANGE COUNTY</p> <p>Item: Costs: Reference Avante System: \$873,638; Sheet 1 Election day vendor support: Should be inclusive in Contract; Questionnaire 1.c Pollworkers: \$52,150/election; Questionnaire 2.b Clerical Staff: \$7,300; Questionnaire 2.c Training - BMD workers and Programmers: \$9,000 Programming Ballots: \$29,800 Space requirements: \$12,000/Yr; Questionnaire 3.a Logistics: 11,920; Questionnaire 3.b</p> <p>Total Costs for First Election \$995,808 Costs continuing each subsequent election \$165,320</p>	N/A	<p>There are 400 polling sites for the 1160 election districts that comprise Nassau County. We anticipate the necessity to put 2 marking devices in each of the locations due to the fact that the Plan B machines (Avante Vote Tracker) that we purchased were not reliable. In each of the Plan B instances we put 2 machines in each of 13 locations. In many instances, one of the two were not working properly and we required the use of the back up machine</p>	N/A	N/A
2. Personnel Issues						
	A. Technical Support	\$29,800; Software programming is estimated at \$29,800.00	N/A	<p>TECHNICAL SUPPORT It is anticipated that technical support is going to increase Board of Election expenses on two fronts: First, there will be the need for a service agreement with the vendor. Our present service agreement is for 26 Plan B machines. With the addition of 774 Plan B machines, our service agreement costs will skyrocket - most likely into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Second, additional materials will need to be purchased and maintained on site for minor repair and replenishment. All consumables are subject to deterioration between elections and must be discarded and replaced with a new item.</p>	<p>BMD Techs = \$3,217,597 EVS Technical Staff = \$894,400</p>	<p>Technical Support personnel would have migrated with the vendor. The BMD machines at 26 polling sites would require at least four skilled technicians with total systems knowledge.</p>

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B. Poll Workers - Availability	<p>Most critically the availability of inspectors. Every County continues to have difficulty finding and retaining qualified inspectors. Orange County would need to acquire 300 additional inspectors. Recruitment of these additional inspectors would prove difficult, particular because getting the current minimum number is a daunting task. Additional training cost for inspectors estimated as \$10,500.00</p>	N/A	<p>POLL WORKERS - AVAILABILITY AND COST The most significant problem we face in this category is availability. Presently, we have two offices with the responsibility of recruiting, training, and retaining inspectors to work primary, general, and special elections. Plan B inspectors cannot be trained in the same classes as lever machine inspectors. Therefore, we will have to set up additional classes, sites, and trainers for the 1,600 Plan B inspectors.</p> <p>We hire a cadre of almost 5,000 election inspectors to properly staff the 400 polling sites in Nassau County. With the difficulty we have in recruiting new inspectors for the lever machines, we expect a nearly insurmountable problem in finding an additional 1,600 inspectors (with a more technological knowledge base) to exclusively staff the two machines for Plan B in 400 polling places. If people are not available to be regular inspectors, how are we expected to find inspectors for the Plan B machines?</p> <p>The population of inspectors presently on board is very senior in age. Younger poll workers, which are desperately needed, are not readily available to work elections. M</p>	N/A	<p>Two additional poll workers would be required at each polling site at a cost of \$11,700.00 for the county. We currently have a difficult time fully staffing our polling sites. In addition these poll workers would have to be trained.</p>
B. Poll Workers - Cost	<p>Most critically the availability of inspectors. Every County continues to have difficulty finding and retaining qualified inspectors. Orange County would need to acquire 300 additional inspectors. Recruitment of these additional inspectors would prove difficult, particular because getting the current minimum number is a daunting task. Additional training cost for inspectors estimated as \$10,500.00 See spreadsheet "Avante Costs Orange.xls"</p>	N/A	<p>Our regular inspector costs exceed \$1.5 million for primary and general elections, not to mention the hundreds of thousands that can be added should there be a special election. With the addition of \$480,000 for primary and general election Plan B inspectors our costs will surpass the \$2 million mark when you factor in training and other related expenses.</p>	\$5,938,800	\$11,700

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	Plan B Equipment:										
	C. Clerical Staff	Estimated additional hours of 242 hours of testing and loading, approximate costs of \$7,300.00 per election		N/A	Several clerical staff hires will be necessary in order to ensure that all documentation pertaining to the care, maintenance, testing and materials purchase is kept pursuant to applicable laws, regulations and guidelines. We will have to hire additional staff and create a separate department for the sole purpose of finding inspectors for Plan B. We presently has limited available space and will find it difficult to create work areas for these new clerical positions.	Other (clerical staff, project coordinators, executive management, canvass staff, consulting, voter outreach) = \$12,459,803		The clerical staff would be assigned administrative and technical responsibilities. (Fundamental programming tasks, etc.)			
	D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	Included into the costs for Transportation to the polls (Logistics)		N/A	From experience, we anticipate the need for 80 "seasonal" technicians to be responsible for the maintenance, set up, testing and operation of the 800 Plan B machines Nassau County would need to comply with a "machines in every polling site" requirement. Given the short amount of time that exists between initial court rulings and through the appeals process, prior to Primary Day, we believe 10 machines per technician is an adequate number to ensure that each machine is thoroughly checked, set-up and tested for deployment to the polling sites. In 2006 we had to replace and/or repair several BMD components between the primary and general elections. The staff hired for set-up and delivery will be needed from the beginning of August to the end of November, possibly December, to make sure all pre- and post-election requirements and needs are met and satisfied. Unlike machine "seasonal" workers hired for the same time period to assist in setting the lever machines, the personnel used for Plan B machines will need to possess a certain modicum of computer acumen in order to resolve problems that occur with the	See "C" above	Additional skilled staff would be required to set up and deliver twenty six BMD's to the individual polling sites at a cost of \$65,000 per machines. At a total cost of \$1,690,000.				

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Plan B Equipment	<p>E. Impact of Running Dual Systems</p> <p>Adds another level of complexity to the process, particularly during the level of activity that must be maintained during a presidential year. Total costs are expected to exceed \$395,808 (47% of HAVA grant). Making significantly depleting the HAVA grant money that will not cover a permanent solution.</p>		N/A	<p>The single most important factor of running dual systems is the negative impact of increased expenses. Moreover, as was mentioned, the difficult task of full poll site staffing between existing lever machines and the addition of two Plan B machines puts a strain on our available inspector pool.</p> <p>Training classes for Plan B machine inspectors will differ greatly from the normal lever machine training. The commonality of sensitivity training of inspectors toward all voters will ease this somewhat, however, the specialty of Plan B machines will force this county to establish and maintain two separate training curriculums.</p>	N/A	<p>We would be required to hire and train custodial technicians to "trouble shoot" and maintain two completely different voting systems which would likely involve new technology.</p>

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	F. Comments	Permanent solutions are what we need. Temporary fixes will end up to create additional unnecessary workload and will also create voter confusion, by the voter not knowing which machine they are to use, possibly waiting on-line unnecessarily only to be moved into another line to vote on the proper voting machine.	N/A	The concept of the Plan B machine is laudable. However, the prospect of Plan B machines in all polling sites is laughable when held against the reality of executing elections effectively. When you consider that this county receives, as well as so many others do, feedback from the disabled community that they would prefer to vote by absentee ballot, Plan B becomes little more than window dressing given the extremely high cost of providing a service the constituency does not even want.	N/A	N/A
3. Facility Issues						
	A. Space Requirements / Constraints	The Orange County Board, currently has a facility for storing of voting machines, however, the Board would need to invest at least \$1,500,00 additional in expenses yearly, the add to their current facility. Additional Handicapped parking spaces would need to be maintained at currently Polling Places in order to accommodate Handicapped voters. Polling places would have to be testing to make sure that there was adequate electric. Such a test would have to be done yearly in the event that the services at polling places changed over the year. See spreadsheet "Avante Costs Orange.xls"	N/A	We cannot store and maintain 800 Ballot Marking Devices in our facility, where we currently house 1,500 lever machines. We share our building with several other county agencies as well as matrimonial court so expansion is out of the question. Each BMD has three additional components (laptop, keyboard, and printer) and in order to program machines we require at least 5 feet of table space per set-up.	Total Cost of Additional Facilities (1 Year) \$3,109,144	Identifying additional space for both storage and usage would definitely be difficult. The BMD would most likely require private space, unique and different from the lever type machines.

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Plan B Equipment					
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	transportation currently outsource to vender. Additional costs would be approximately (149* 80(table and machine) = \$11,920) per election	N/A	Our lever machines, tables, and chairs are transported to the polls by truckers who are selected through a bid process. Therefore, we will also have to bid out the BMD deliveries. Our current vendors may not be able to meet the requirements for conveying from the BOE to the polling place and return to the BOE, the more sensitive BMD equipment. Computer equipment requires trucks that meet different specifications and environment conditions than those we currently utilize. It is anticipated that the bids for carting BMDs will be higher than our current costs. Our loading dock area cannot accommodate trailer trucks so more trucks are needed causing more traffic congestion.	N/A	This would add additional cost to the election and would create a logistical nightmare.
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	All sites would have to be re-surveyed to determine whether they can accommodate additional equipment. Some locations are already small and no other locations are available for use. Adding additional equipment to consume already limited space could cause for additional confusion on the part of the voters	N/A	Most of our poll sites are in school districts and oftentimes our machines and inspectors are relegated to the hallway areas because the schools use their gymnasiums to teach physical education. To place multiple lever machines along with the tables and chairs for inspectors as well as two tables for the BMDs is problematic. This is a problem where we have two machine districts as well as multiple election districts in one building. Not enough space to accommodate all the	N/A	Special/private space would have to be identified for each polling site. The BMD would require its own space with directions to access.

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Plan B Equipment	D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	Parking is not a concern. Handicapped parking is currently available. Polling places would have to be tested to make sure that there was adequate electric. Such a test would have to be done yearly in the event that the services at polling places changed over the year.	N/A	Contrary to BMDs, lever machines do not require electricity in order to function. Permission from the district superintendent will be needed in order to use extension cords and adaptors for BMDs in areas where the electrical outlets are limited, such as in a hallway area. We will need to examine our other poll sites in order to determine if they are able to handle the power supply needs of BMDs.	N/A	Special parking areas would have to be identified and policed. We would have to receive permission from the facility in use. BMD also requires additional electrical hook ups and we would have to be sure not to overload the electrical system.
E. Comments	N/A	N/A	For all the reasons (and more) outlined in the above section, we believe the inherent difficulties arising from the "New" Plan B is sorely ill-advised.	(See NYCBOE spreadsheet)	N/A	
4. What would your county do to enhance the 2006 BMD program in 2008?						
A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	Currently Orange County offers One BMD in every Assembly District, which covers the four (4) sections of the County. The Board would consider adding an additional four (4) machines to make it 2 BMD's in each Assembly District.	N/A	Creating regional "super sites" for the BMDs is what Nassau County did in 2006. We had 2 BMDs in each of our Assembly Districts and Long Beach Island.	N/A	The main issue here would be to identify the most suitable location such that the SUPER SITE would not impose any extensive travel. Due to variations in population density this would be difficult to locate a suitable SUPER SITE.	

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B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	<p>Orange County has previously and will continue to contract with a Transportation vendor for handicapped services, to provide "door to door" service for Handicapped Voters who are unable to get transportation to go to the "super-cites" for elections. The transportation would also be available to a companion of a handicapped voter, if so desired. The cost per day was \$480.00 per bus – Not included in the attached survey.</p>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Acquiring lists from Able Ride or the Dept. of Senior Citizens is not possible. In 2006 when asked these agencies cited security and privacy policies. -During the 2006 elections voters wishing to use the BMDs set up in 12 locations throughout the county, we coordinated a program with Able-Ride. Able-Ride was utilized to offer rides to the polls to those who are physically challenged. However, sometimes voters with disabilities are not sure whether they are able to go out on any particular day. On election days Able-Ride did provide transportation, but it was difficult did not wait at the polls and voters were subjected to long waiting periods between arrival and returns of Able-Ride buses. -Only persons with Able-Ride membership could utilize the buses. -The county's Taxi and Limousine Commission also offered assistance to disabled voters. However, they have a limited number of cabs with room to accommodate a wheelchair. -Provide directions to BMD poll sites on –line. 	N/A	<p>In order to implement a SUPER SITE in Putnam County, a voter transportation plan would have to be devised establishing a well thought out voter pick-up locations. Considering the diverse population densities this would be difficult to devise.</p>
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	<p>Currently work with the Office of Disabilities and the Office for the Aging, as well as the Independent Living Centers to have them contact their list of consumers enabling us to reach out to voters who may wish to use these machines.</p>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -By 2008 we hope to have a website to inform voters of their polling locations and have links to Mappoint. -Invite the media to promote the use of BMDs by persons with disabilities. -Take out radio and newspaper ads. -Invite disabled voters to try out the equipment year-round. 	N/A	<p>An aggressive voter outreach program would have to be launched to both inform the voters of the SUPER SITES and inform them of all locations for pick-up and drop-off.</p>

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D. Other	N/A	N/A	<p>For the 2006 elections Nassau County utilized more polling locations than any other county in the state. We advertised the availability of the BMDs in these locations in newspapers and on our website. We hired three persons from the disabled community to act as coordinators for both the primary and general elections. Their responsibility was to each visit 4 polling sites in which we had 2 BMDs, and 4 poll workers was to assess the inspectors and their working knowledge of the equipment; the user-friendliness of the site chosen; and to help disabled voters.</p> <p>The under utilization of the BMDs by the disabled community was glaring. Nassau County deliberately placed BMDs in locations where there were persons with handicapping conditions such as The center for Developmental Disabilities, The Henry Viscardi School, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau, Nassau BOCES – Occupational Therapy, to name several of the 12 locations. This was done in order to encourage participation. Unfortunately, more than two-thirds of the people who voted on the BMDs were NOT persons with handicapping conditions.</p>	N/A	N/A

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	B. Vendor Services	<p>All systems would need to arrive no later than three months prior to the first election for implementation. Vendor will need to provide 10 days training associate with ballot programming Costs included in sheet one attachment (spreadsheet "Avante Rockland Costs.xls")</p>	<p>This includes the cost of programming of \$3000.00 per Avante BMD equals an additional cost of \$1,062,000.00</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>A flashcard is programmed with all our ballot information by ES&S. The Board has not received the bill for this yet, but whatever the total, multiply that by 188. As with all Ballot Marking Devices (BMD's) the Board must also purchase paper ballots. Again, our office has not received the bill for this yet, however, our 2007 Primary Election requires 52 different ballot styles and our printing company only offers packages of 100 per style</p>
	C. Vendor Support	<p>Would require at least 4 on site support specialist for the first two elections approximate cost: \$8,000</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>ES&S offers a phone number in case of problems or questions on Election Day.</p>

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		<p>Total Costs Associated with Deploying an Avante Ballot Marking Device to 121 Poll Site</p> <p>Item: Costs: Reference Avante System and Training, \$730,860; Sheet 1 Election day vendor support, \$8,000; Questionnaire 1.c</p> <p>Technical Support: \$60,500; Questionnaire 2.a Pollworkers: \$60,500; Questionnaire 2.b Clerical Staff: \$6,292; Questionnaire 2.c Space requirements: \$15,000; Questionnaire 3.a Logistics: 9,680; Questionnaire 3.b</p> <p>Total Costs for First Election \$890,832</p> <p>Costs continuing each subsequent election \$159,972</p>				
D. Comments			N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Albany County supports the implementation of New York State certified voting machines as a permanent solution to allow handicap accessible voting. The theme of HAVA is to allow all voters to cast their vote using the same method. A BMD in each polling site does not accomplish this goal. Disabled voters would still be using a different system and may be unaware that the BMD didn't actually record their vote, just marked their ballot which will then be recorded by a different machine.</p>
2. Personnel Issues						
A. Technical Support		<p>Software programming is estimated at \$60,500</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>The Board would have to hire at least six more IT staffers to assist with testing as well as provide technical support on Election Day. This would require our IT staff to be able to respond to Election Day problems across the County, so realistically we would require an entire IT team during the election season. This could be outsourced, but both options would prove extremely expensive.</p>

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<p>Plan B Equipment</p>					
<p>B. Poll Workers -- Availability</p>	<p>Most critically the availability of inspectors. Every County continues to have difficulty finding and retaining qualified inspectors. Rockland would need to acquire 242 additional inspectors. Recruitment of these additional inspectors would prove difficult, particular because getting the current minimum number is a daunting task. Additional training cost for inspectors estimated as \$60,500.</p>	<p>708</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>188 polling locations * 4 inspectors each = 752 poll inspectors that would need to be trained on this system. This number does not include ballot clerks or alternate poll inspectors. Each inspector currently receives \$25 for training (25 * 752 = \$18,800) and we may have to double the fee to \$50 to reflect the longer training session that would be required.</p>
<p>B. Poll Workers -- Cost</p>	<p>\$60,500</p>	<p>Poll Workers- Availability and Cost Suffolk would require at least 708 new poll workers, 2 for each of the 354 polling places. Cost for training each inspector would be \$50 + transportation (two three hour training sessions, one as an inspector, one to learn how to operate the BMD). Pay per inspector for each Election Event is \$200.00. Cost: \$311,800</p> <p>Forty training sessions would be required, with four SCBOE staffers running them; estimated overtime hours would be 640 at \$40. Cost: \$25,600.00</p> <p>Obtaining poll workers is very difficult already. Finding 708 additional poll workers with technical aptitude would be even harder.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>188 polling locations * 4 inspectors each = 752 poll inspectors that would need to be trained on this system. This number does not include ballot clerks or alternate poll inspectors. Each inspector currently receives \$25 for training (25 * 752 = \$18,800) and we may have to double the fee to \$50 to reflect the longer training session that would be required.</p>

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C. Clerical Staff	Estimated additional hours of 242 hours of testing and loading , approximate costs of \$8,292 per election	At least two more full time employees would be necessary to schedule and track the additional inspectors required to operate the BMD's. Cost: \$80,000.00	N/A	N/A	Board employees would need to be trained on this machine to handle questions on election days. BMD Testing – We have 52 different ballot styles for the 2007 Primary election (several have a vote for 14). It took 1½ days to test our only ES&S machine to make sure it was able to correctly mark each ballot style. This phase of testing cannot start until we receive the BMD ballots and the flash card with the ballot layout programmed into it. We received these on Wednesday, September 12, only 6 days before the election. With the staff we have available, there is no possible way that 188 machines could be tested in 6 days. In addition, with 188 BMD's, we would need at least one ballot scanner (probably more) which would also need to be tested. (Please see comments section.)
D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	Handled by vendor	Warehouse and Suitcase packing staff would have increased workloads and confining time and space issues, as they attempted to prepare and send different machines and accessories to polling places. The extensive exceedingly careful checking and re checking to ensure accurate delivery of necessary election materials	N/A	N/A	Albany County would require at least 30 County Custodians to deliver machines and assist with Election Day trouble calls.

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E. Impact of Running Dual Systems	<p>Adds another level of complexity to the process, particularly during the level of activity that must be maintained during a presidential year. Total costs are expected to exceed \$890,832 (42% of HAVA grant). Making significantly depleting the HAVA grant money that will not cover a permanent solution.</p>	<p>Running dual voting systems for the September Primary and November Elections is an administrative and fiscal nightmare. First, 2008 is a Presidential election where voter turnout is at its maximum. Second, the BOE will expend a significant enough of money for its public education and outreach program to alert the public that there will be dual voting machines in use and how to use the BMD machines for those interested in using the same.</p> <p>The public education and outreach efforts will consist of the following: print ads, PSA, several mailings to our 650,000.00 plus voters, training sessions with civic, community and disabled advocacy organizations, and public demonstrations at the malls and community events. Further, many BOE employees will be used on overtime to conduct the training sessions and to be available at public events to demonstrate using the BMD machines. The estimated cost for the public education and outreach efforts for six months (from March 2008 to September 2008) will cost approximately \$500,000.00</p>	N/A	N/A	Expect a lot of inspector confusion.	

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	Plan B Equipment					
	F. Comments	N/A	<p>The enormous effort required to have adequately trained election workers and logistic back up for BMD's is disproportionate to the benefit they provide. The salient fact is that the disabled are voting on devices that do not tabulate or record votes on election days with less privacy than other voters. Suffolk, which had 86 voters (mainly poll workers) use it's 11 BMD's in the 2006 General Election, estimates that each machine might have been utilized by a disabled voter. Clearly it would be better to use certified Plan A machines for all voters, including the disabled, instead of using scarce resources to provide an inferior device to disabled voters.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>A BMD is a ballot marking device, nothing more. In the 2006 General Election, 46 voters in Albany County cast their ballot using the BMD. Those ballots were counted by hand without a problem. If we must implement 188 BMD machines we will also need to purchase equipment that can read the ballots and tally the votes. We have no exact price for a ballot scanner that is compatible with the ES&S, but we feel it would cost at least \$5,000 per ballot scanner.</p>
3. Facility Issues						
	A. Space Requirements / Constraints	<p>Current storage facility would not be capable to accommodate these additional equipment requirements. Additional space requirements would equal 2,000 square feet. Total costs are estimated at \$15,000 annually</p>	<p>The containers for the BMD's are relatively heavy, yet require careful handling. The Voting Tables are heavier and bulkier, and are readily subject to damage. Ballot boxes (which are also used to deliver accessories such as extension cords) also require storage. Each BMD combination requires as much space as a lever voting machine (two tables having the footprint of two lever machines), necessitating a 25% increase in storage space in Suffolk County.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>There are several polling sites in Albany County which do not have the room to accommodate the lever voting machines as well as a BMD. Each polling site survey would need to be reexamined in order to determine exactly which sites would not have the room to accommodate another voting machine. In those cases, we would have to move the voting to a larger poll site or find a new site in that area all together. (Finding new sites in certain areas is not always possible)</p>

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		Region 1			
	Rockland Avante	Suffolk Avante	Sullivan Avante	Westchester Avante	Albany Automark
Plan B Equipment					
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	transportation currently outsource to vender. Additional costs would be approximately (121* 80(table and machine) = \$9680) per election	The existing arrangements in Suffolk County for the delivery of lever voting machines utilizes a private contractor. The three piece BMD unit (BMD, table and ballot box) requires more delicate handling and careful packing then the lever machines. It also must be protected from the heavier lever machines in transit, and then have the three pieces chained together for security upon arrival. The fragility of the tables has been an unpleasant surprise to Suffolk County. The awkward 'in polling place' maneuvering and storage of the chained together BMD combination is a considerable source of complaint. Our trucking contract will require rebidding, with considerably higher anticipated per unit delivery cost for BMD delivery and pickup. Current cost for delivery/pickup of a voting machine to a polling place is currently (depending on location) \$50 to \$75. Anticipated minimum additional cost at \$75 per machine: \$26, 400	N/A	N/A	Currently, the lever voting machines are stored in warehouses and garages across Albany County. The storage requirements for BMD's are more strict and could not be stored in our current facilities. Consequently, the Board would need to lease or buy a new facility that can hold BMD's according to ES&S standards. Regarding delivery, this would require the custodians to make at least one extra trip each to pick up the BMD's. This will most likely require the Board increasing the custodians pay.
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	All sites would have to be surveyed to determine whether they can accommodate additional equipment	The space available to accommodate an additional BMD machine, a table and two poll workers will be easier to achieve in single ED polling place than in multiple ED polling places. Of the 354 polling places in Suffolk County, 70 are single ED polling place. Accommodating the additional BMD at the remaining 284 polling places becomes problematic as the number of EDs in each polling places increases. Obtaining additional polling places may be the best way to accommodate for the space needed for the additional BMD and the poll workers. Unfortunately, we will not have the time needed to locate and execute contract for the same by the 2008 primary.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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		Region 1				
	Rockland Avante	Suffolk Avante	Sullivan Avante	Westchester Avante		Albany Automark
Plan B Equipment						
D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	Parking is not a concern. Handicapped parking is currently available. Electrical needs would have to be surveyed.	We currently have issues with parking at many of our polling places during the Primary and General Elections. We have 82 non-municipal polling place sites that do not have adequate parking. 212 are schools that are open during the Primary and district usual have Parent-Teachers conference on Election day. The remaining 80 polling places are municipal buildings and fire stations, which are open during the Primary.	N/A	N/A		N/A
E. Comments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
4. What would your county do						
A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	Rockland's current plan B offers sites throughout the County with only a handful of voters residents more than five miles from the sites already established and none of them are beyond seven miles. Super sites would potential add to the travel.	N/A	N/A	N/A		Currently, our ESS&S Automark is available for voting at the Board of Elections. Our office meets all ADA requirements and allows BOE staff to monitor the proceedings in case of a question or problem.

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		Region 1				
	Rockland Avante	Suffolk Avante	Sullivan Avante	Westchester Avante	Albany Automark	
Plan B Equipment						
B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	Rockland currently offers TRIPS buses under Federal Grants. However, the documentation requirements impede the quick response that would be needed. All locations are located near Town Halls that have existing public transportation. Rockland would consider taxi vouchers for those that self identify and meet limited criteria for using such machines.	If the decision is made to allow one BMD in each town, Suffolk will look into the possibility of the County Transit Authority to provide transportation to disabled person in need of a ride to the polls. We would also investigate contracting with local cab companies to provide rides to and from the polls and the County will reimburse them for the cost.	N/A	N/A	The office is located along major bus routes and is easily accessible by voters who rely on public transportation.	
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	Currently work with the Office of Disabilities and the Office for the Aging to reach out to voters who may wish to use these machines.	The Voter Outreach efforts will consist of the following: print ads, PSA, several mailings to our 850,000,00 plus voters, training sessions with civic, community and disabled advocacy organizations, and public demonstrations at the malls and community events. BOE employees will be used on overtime to conduct the training sessions and to be available at public events to demonstrate using the BMD machines. Additionally, The County will reach out and work with the disabled advocacy group and the Disabled American Veterans organizations to ensure we contact those individuals who will need this service the most.	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	Region 1				
	Rockland	Suffolk	Sullivan	Westchester	Albany
Plan B Equipment	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante	Automark
D. Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>The issue with Plan B expansion is that it brings us no closer to the HAVA goal. This plan would actually put us further back, because the County would have to exhaust its federally allocated HAVA funds on voting technology that would become garbage in a few years. At that point, with no Federal assistance, the County would have to purchase new electronic voting machines that actually comply with State and Federal laws. The only way to accomplish this would be raising taxes. We hope the State Board plans on breaking this news to the taxpayers.</p>

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Plan B Equipment 1. Vendor Issues	Region 2				Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex	
	Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark			Hamilton Automark
A. System Costs				\$10,000	N/A	<p>Montgomery County has 33 polling sites @\$3,000 per machine total cost estimated to be \$100,000. Currently one machine cost to BOE as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 smart cards x 33 x \$4 (1 each) \$264 2 Ink Cartridges x 33 x \$20 each \$1,320 1 Voting Booth x 33 x \$180 each \$5,940 1 Magnifier x 33 x \$15 each \$495 1 Sip & Puff x 4 x \$25 each \$100 Lap Tops x 33 x \$1200 each \$39,600 Ballots x 33 x \$.02 each \$70 Memory Stick x 33x \$52.50 each \$1,732.50 Programming x 33 x \$2,200 \$72,600 	N/A
B. Vendor Services				N/A	<p>PR&GE 2006 Bill: \$14,602.55 * 11 Sites = \$160,628.05</p>	<p>Election Day support Telephone Support \$187.50 per hour</p>	N/A
C. Vendor Support				N/A	<p>2006 Support 100%</p>	<p>We were under the impression that the "vendor" was not allowed to do the programming. Again if the CBOE's are responsible for this then that would mean we would need to find IT staff to complete this.</p>	N/A

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	Region 2						
	Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
Plan B Equipment		Capital Costs 1. Automark – 26 additional systems @\$5130.00 = \$142,640.00					
D. Comments	Ongoing Costs 1. Based on previous experience estimated ballot programming and costs will be about \$12,000 in non-presidential primary years and about \$16,000 in presidential primary years (i.e. 2008)		Cathy: The cost is \$10,000.00 in 2006 elections and after advertising and sending letters no one came in to use this machine.	N/A	2007 Support 35%		Finding competent staff with the expertise in IT is a major challenge, especially when the compensation is not there, nor the support of the appropriate Board of Supervisors, who ultimately have the final say as to the compensation of BOE staff. We have already "maxed" the amount of work that we can ask of our small staff
2. Personnel Issues	Vendor Training 1. Uncertain, but the vendor would train a limited number of election personnel, machine custodian/technicians and election coordinators who would then train other personnel (e.g., inspectors) as needed. If we assume \$150 / hr for vendor training and a total of 8 hours of such training that would be \$1200, plus additional expenses for inspector training, currently running ~\$7000 for a 3 hour course for inspectors. I estimate that we would need a second mandatory 2-3 course for inspectors at a cost of another \$7000.		Total cost with machine was over \$17,000.00, plus having to pay two inspectors to sit all day. Marilyn				
A. Technical Support	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	MORE STAFF WOULD HAVE TO BE HIRED/TRAINED/DELIVERY OF THE EQUIPMENT	We would need to contract our with an IT specialist. We do not always have the necessary support from our IT department, which is understandable to a certain degree, as Board of Elections is not their only department that they are responsible for. Not that we need the services necessarily on a daily basis, however, when the time arises, we need them immediately.	N/A

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	Region 2						
	Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
B. Poll Workers -- Availability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Difficult	Training of our current pool of inspectors would be a challenge, especially if we are expecting them to learn 2 systems. Currently our BMD is located in our offices, and we utilize 2 of our Election Inspectors to be present on Election days for serving those interested in voting on this system. So far this has worked very well. We are then able to utilize their services as needed during the course of the Election Day.	N/A
B. Poll Workers -- Cost	N/A	N/A	\$7,000	N/A	Cost of the additional staff (Primary: \$3,300; General: \$4,620); Total: \$7,920	Training of our current pool of inspectors would be a challenge, especially if we are expecting them to learn 2 systems. Currently our BMD is located in our offices, and we utilize 2 of our Election Inspectors to be present on Election days for serving those interested in voting on this system. So far this has worked very well. We are then able to utilize their services as needed during the course of the Election Day.	N/A

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		Region 2						
		Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
	Plan B Equipment							
	C. Clerical Staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Would have to hire at least two more staff members	As most up-state rural counties, we are a small department. We currently have 4 full time staff members. We are stretched to our limits with the current work load and do not feel that with the addition of adding 33 BMD would be challenged to find the time to do all that is necessary just to get these machines programmed, delivered to the polling sites, and set up, as well as any trouble shooting that may or may not become evident on Election Days. Just the possibility of having to change a printer on election day would raise a problem especially in our rural setting.	N/A
	D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TWO MORE TECHNICIANS TO DELIVER EACH MACHINE FOR THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY	We would need to utilize the Election Machine Coordinators to deliver, and set up each machine	N/A

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	Region 2						
	Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
Plan B Equipment E. Impact of Running Dual Systems	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	FIANANCIAL, CLERICAL, LACK OF TIME TO TRAIN, LACK AVAILABILITY OF PEOPLE TO WORK, DELIVERING/PICKUP OF THESE MACHINES FOR THE SIZE OF OUR COUNTY IS TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MANPOWER AND TIME	That would be a wait and see question. Would we be able to utilize our current pool of election inspectors, or would we need to train additional inspectors that would only be responsible for the BMD.	N/A

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		Region 2						
		Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
Plan B Equipment			<p>Capital Costs</p> <p>1. Automark – 26 additional systems @ \$5130.00 = \$142,640.00</p> <p>Ongoing Costs</p> <p>1. Based on previous experience estimated ballot programming and costs will be about \$12,000 in non-presidential primary years and about \$16,000 in presidential primary years (i.e. 2008)</p>					
F. Comments	N/A	<p>Vendor Training</p> <p>1. Uncertain, but the vendor would train a limited number of election personnel, machine custodian/technicians and election coordinators who would then train other personnel (e.g., inspectors) as needed. If we assume \$150 / hr for vendor training and a total of 8 hours of such training that would be \$1200, plus additional expenses for inspector training, currently running ~\$7000 for a 3 hour course for inspectors. 1 estimate that we would need a second mandatory 2-3 course for inspectors at a cost of another \$7000.</p>					<p>Mass confusion is anticipated at least for a few elections until everyone is on board with the new system. Currently having our office as the "main" site for the BMD has proved to be working. If need be we have the available resources should something happen. However, we do realize that the transportation is a problem and that the voters are expected to find their own way here. Our office is centrally located in Montgomery County, and with the up-coming proposed bus service coming into our County we would be able to advertise this service to those seeking transportation.</p>	N/A
3. Facility Issues								
A. Space Requirements / Constraints	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>AS OF TODAY: OUR OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE THE SPACE/OR ELECTRICAL STORAGE FOR (11) BMD</p>	<p>Space requirements will always be a major issue for our County. We are at the max point right now. We have discussed this issue many times with our "powers that be" and have listed this as a top priority in our "space needs assessment" which was completed a few months back.</p>	N/A

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	Region 2						
	Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	WE WOULD HAVE TO BORROW A MOVING VAN AND HAVE THE ADDITIONAL STAFF PROPERLY TRAINED ON HOW TO HANDLE THE BMD	Currently we have no means of delivering or picking up BMD. This would mean contracting with a local moving company.	N/A
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	MORE CONGESTIVE POLL SITES	We would possibly need to re-assess some of our current polling sites. More space would be required for the additional tables, chairs and inspectors, as well as the electrical systems.	N/A

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	Region 2						
	Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
Plan B Equipment							
D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOT EVERY POLL SITE IS SETUP FOR ALL OF ELECTRICAL OUTLETS	Would need to all be addresses, dependent on the type of machine that is certified for purchase.
E. Comments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4. What would your county do							
A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	SEND A SECOND LETTER TO "PRM" TO SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS DEVICE. MORE NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS ADVERTISING ON THIS DEVICE.	We would continue to advertise through our local newspapers, as well as radio stations of the availability of the BMD. We would be available to any interested groups or organizations to conduct demonstrations of this system. From past experience (2 elections) those who have used this machine have been very impressed. They didn't seem stressed and actually enjoyed the new technology.

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		Region 2						
		Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
Plan B Equipment								
B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	WOULD OFFER TO PICK THE PERSON UP AND DRIVE THEM TO THE COUNTY SEAT	We as a department do not propose to offer transportation on Election Day, but it has come to our attention that our County Board of Supervisors has a resolution on the agenda proposing a county-wide bus system. Our registered voters who seek transportation would have this service to rely on if approved.	N/A
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	MORE NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS ADVERTISING ON THIS DEVICE. ALSO CONTACT SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY.	We have proposed to work with our Resource Center for Independent Living for working on an outreach program for our Election Inspectors. We would also like to see this program reach all concerned citizens in Montgomery County. Maybe working together as a whole will help with the transition of not only choosing the correct voting system for our county, but educate all of us in making elections fair for all registered voters.	N/A

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	Region 2						
	Columbia Automark	Essex Automark	Fulton Automark	Greene Automark	Hamilton Automark	Montgomery Populex	Rensselaer Populex
Plan B Equipment	N/A	In general the idea of having a BMD in every poll site seems an ridiculous waste of tax payers money, but then so does having one such machine in a single poll site in a geographically large and wide spread area like Essex Co. The obvious compromise would be to have ~5 BMDs in several poll sites spread around the county.	N/A	N/A	THIS DEVICE WAS NEVER USED AT ALL IN 2006	"Super Sites" maybe be the answer for rural counties. Utilizing one polling site per municipality might be a better solution. For our county that would greatly reduce the cost in all areas, not only the cost, which should never become the final factor when determining the solution for complying with HAVA, but just finding, training and keeping experienced election day workers, as well as office staff is a major challenge.	N/A
D. Other	N/A						

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	Saratoga Automark	Schenectady Automark	Schoharie Populex	Ulster Populex	Warren Avente
Plan B Equipment					
1. Vendor Issues					
A. System Costs	FOR 109 POLLING SITES \$654,000.00	69 Automarks (69 sites) @ \$5,410 = \$373,290 69 Table/Privacy Screen @ \$325 = \$22,425 69 sets of consumables (ink cartridge, flash drive, batteries) @ \$320 = \$22,080 TOTAL: \$417,795	Using 2006 costs for our Populex, machine costs would be \$136800 or more than 1/2 our total budget.	\$6664 x 120 = \$799,680	N/A
B. Vendor Services	FOR PROGRAMMING & BALLOTS \$15,000.00	Programming Ballot Production/AudioFiles/Flash Cards/Ballot Printing: \$12,700 per year based on actual 2006 costs. Additional delivery cost to 69 poll sites @ \$78 = \$5,382.00 TOTAL: \$18,082	\$656.25 per election(06)	Training - \$1500 per day. Ballots -- ?	\$30,000.00 if mandated to purchase for in house programming plus training costs for BOE staff.
C. Vendor Support	FIGURED 15% OF THE COST OF VOTING SYSTEM \$98,100.00	Training poll workers and system operators TOTAL: \$4,500.00	\$1500 however we were able to share with Montgomery County.	Election Day Support - \$1500.	\$120.00 per hour. 27 teams for a total of 108 Election Inspectors will need training on this system. And/or at the least 10 County custodians to be able to help with set up (Inspectors responsibility) and trouble call duties. This would take not less than 2 hours for each team 27 @ \$240.00 \$6480.00 at the least.

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Plan B Equipment					
D. Comments	<p>THE COSTS FOR A TEMPORARY SOLUTION IS EXCESSIVE</p> <p>THE ABOVE COSTS ARE ESTIMATES BASED UPON OUR USE OF THE AUTO MARK BALLOT SYSTEM THAT WE CURRENTLY ARE USING.</p>	<p>Fewer than 40 people voted on the automark in 2006. No one has called about it since, and we believe that this represents more than the total demand for this type of voting system as the general public were allowed to vote on the machine, and many Board of Elections staff did so pursuant to the federal court order. Clearly, providing an automark for each poll site is an extravagant use of public resources for which there is no public demand or purpose served that is not current being served. Furthermore, as the geographically smallest county in the state, with a centrally located board of elections, one machine for the entire county poses no logistical hurdles for voters desiring to use the automark.</p>	<p>Federal funds or ours?</p>	<p>That leaves us \$756,423, less than half of total allocated, for Plan A Systems.</p>	<p>Warren County continues to support the mandate of introducing accessible voting systems that are New York State certified as a permanent voting system. To expend hundreds of thousands of dollars for a temporary solution goes against the intent of HAVA, which is to have persons with disabilities vote independently on the same voting system as the able bodied voters in their same voting district. This temporary "fix" does not accomplish that intent</p>
2. Personnel Issues					
A. Technical Support	<p>TRAINING 44 VOTING MACHINE CUSTODIANS</p>	<p>Training poll workers and system operators TOTAL: \$4,500.00</p>	<p>Can't imagine trying to find, train and hire support for every election.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>\$120.00 per hour. 27 teams for a total of 108 Election Inspectors will need training on this system. And/or at the least 10 County custodians to be able to help with set up (inspectors responsibility) and trouble call duties. This would take not less than 2 hours for each team. 27 @ \$240.00 \$6480.00 at the least.</p>

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Plan B Equipment					
B. Poll Workers -- Availability	2 ELECTION INSPECTORS PER POLL SITE FOR 2008 INSPECTOR COST \$81,750.00	Difficult	We envision adding 2 trained staff (inspectors) at each site – the problem is filling the positions	Additional training and hiring costs: Training – 120 x 4 x \$25 = \$12,000. Primary – 120 x 4 x \$125 = \$60,000. General - 120 x 4 x \$200 = \$96,000	\$120.00 per hour. 27 teams for a total of 108 Election Inspectors will need training on this system. And/or at the least 10 County custodians to be able to help with set up (inspectors responsibility) and trouble call duties. This would take not less than 2 hours for each team, 27 @ \$240.00 \$6480.00 at the least. This is a night mare waiting to happen.
B. Poll Workers -- Cost	\$81,750	We estimate the need for two additional poll workers at each site (138 total) to receive the specialized training on the use of the machine. Training will cost \$3,450 in poll worker wages alone. The additional poll workers will cost \$27,600 (\$150 ea for general and \$75 ea for primary). We already have difficulty recruiting sufficient numbers of inspectors. This additional burden will be difficult to meet. TOTAL COST: \$30,150	We envision adding 2 trained staff (inspectors) at each site – the problem is filling the positions	Additional training and hiring costs: Training – 120 x 4 x \$25 = \$12,000. Primary – 120 x 4 x \$125 = \$60,000. General - 120 x 4 x \$200 = \$96,000	\$120.00 per hour. 27 teams for a total of 108 Election Inspectors will need training on this system. And/or at the least 10 County custodians to be able to help with set up (inspectors responsibility) and trouble call duties. This would take not less than 2 hours for each team, 27 @ \$240.00 \$6480.00 at the least. This is a night mare waiting to happen.

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Plan B Equipment					
C. Clerical Staff	N/A	These costs can be managed within existing county appropriations.	again hard to find	N/A	N/A
D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	N/A	Programming Ballot Production/Audio/Files/Flash Cards/Ballot Printing: \$12,700 per year based on actual 2006 costs. Additional delivery cost to 69 poll sites @ \$78 = \$5,382.00 TOTAL: \$18,082	We expect we would need 4 additional trained machine custodians	120 x \$500 = \$60,000.	N/A

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	Saratoga Automark	Schenectady Automark	Schoharie Populex	Ulster Populex	Warren Avante
Plan B Equipment					
E. Impact of Running Dual Systems	ADDS TO MORE VOTER CONFUSION	Running dual systems poses logistical difficulties for the central staff and the inspectors. From the set up of the election, administration and canvassing, storage and retrieval, we will essentially be running two parallel elections. To the extent HAVA was designed to ensure all voters have full access in the same manner, an interim poll site based ballot marking device solution makes no sense. It is no tin keeping with the spirit of HAVA.	Major. As noted above machines costs are equal to one half of our 06 budget.	N/A	N/A

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Plan B Equipment					
F. Comments	RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS & TRAINING WILL BE EXCESSIVE FOR A TEMPORARY SOLUTION	N/A	Our 2008 budget was submitted September 4th, I can't imagine our Board of Supervisors being able to add the amounts that would be necessary	N/A	N/A
3. Facility Issues					
A. Space Requirements / Constraints	SARATOGA COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A CENTRALIZED WAREHOUSE	There will be unspecified costs involved in planning an accessible traffic route in poll sites relative to the additional table/machine set ups. In several sites which are ADA compliant with respect to path of travel with the apparatus presently used, the additional table and machine will cause problems.	Storage for new machines will be needed	N/A	N/A

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	Saratoga Automark	Schenectady Automark	Schoharie Populex	Ulster Populex	Warren Avante
Plan B Equipment					
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	N/A	Programming Ballot Production/AudioFiles/Flash Cards/Ballot Printing: \$12,700 per year based on actual 2006 costs. Additional delivery cost to 69 poll sites @ \$78 = \$5,382.00 TOTAL: \$18,082	Drivers and vehicles will have to be found	N/A	N/A
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	N/A	There will be unspecified costs involved in planning an accessible traffic route in poll sites relative to the additional table/machine set ups. In several sites which are ADA compliant with respect to path of travel with the apparatus presently used, the additional table and machine will cause problems.	Some polling places are cramped now. We are very rural, and not a lot of accessible site choices	N/A	N/A

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Plan B Equipment					
D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	N/A	N/A	See above	N/A	N/A
E. Comments	N/A	N/A	Keep in mind – cell phones only work in a few sites – so even communication can be difficult.	N/A	N/A
4. What would your county do					
A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	N/A	We would provide publicly financed free transportation for persons with disabilities to go to the BMD poll site. This would include transportation for persons in wheel chairs. We would aggressively advertise this service. As the smallest county in the state outside of NYC, we do not believe an additional BMD poll site is necessary or prudent. The issue is providing a free transportation mechanism for voters who need this service to access the machine	Just what we are trying to do now.	N/A	Warren County conducts its Accessible system at the Independent Living Center. The voters are comfortable in this environment. The ILC and the BOE promote this alternative voting location for both disabled and able bodied voters.

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	Saratoga Automark	Schenectady Automark	Schoharie Populex	Ulster Populex	Warren Avante
Plan B Equipment					
B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	N/A	We would provide publicly financed free transportation for persons with disabilities to go to the BMD poll site. This would include transportation for persons in wheel chairs. We would aggressively advertise this service. As the smallest county in the state outside of NYC, we do not believe an additional BMD poll site is necessary or prudent. The issue is providing a free transportation mechanism for voters who need this service to access the machine	Our County office building is a stop on our county public bus route, pickup is available anywhere by calling a 800 number.	N/A	Warren County is a primarily rural area and most voters must find their own transportation for voting right now. This location is not a hardship for voters. Many of our voters receive services at this location already
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	N/A	We would continue to aggressively advertise the BMD poll site option through Independent Living Centers, presentations at appropriate sites, and paid media	We have tried to reach voters with mailings and press releases which indicate our county wide machine located in the County Office Building.	N/A	News letters from the ILC and notices in the newspapers as well as a public interest story from our local paper

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	Saratoga Automark	Schenectady Automark	Schoharie Populex	Ulster Populex	Warren Avante
Plan B Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>To consider this option for Ulster County is totally ridiculous. Last year it cost us over \$10,000 dollars for three disabled voters and seven voters we asked to try the system. I have served twelve years as a Commissioner and the only complaint from the Disabled Community we have received were re: accessibility to two polling sites which we immediately corrected. Our Survey Letters to the Disabled Community were returned with a unanimous vote to allow them to vote absentee. The remaining voters want to keep our lever machines. They do not even want the Plan A Devices much less use a ballot marking Device. The point is, let the SBOE certify Plan A Devices; then let the Counties purchase and implement the Plan A Devices. STOP wasting taxpayer dollars on temporary fixes that provide minimal to NO benefit. STOP trying BOE time as we still have Elections to run. STOP trying these stop-gap measures to appease the DOJ. If the DOJ wants us to do something and jeopardize our elections, let them. The integrity and accuracy of our Elections has never been questioned. Do not pretend HAVA</p>	<p>Warren County acknowledges that money can't be the deciding factor in this issue. Let's not forget that this use of machine replacement money for non-certified BMD's will force the counties to use their own tax payer dollars for a permanent solution of CERTIFIED System once available. The disabled are tax payers too and this could effect their income by increasing their local property taxes. The least amount of money that this will cost Warren County is \$158,860.00 plus any expenses that we have not accounted for in this report. We have 26 Primary elections tomorrow so this report is not as thorough as it could be. With a staff of 4 we could not dedicate any additional time to this project report.</p>
D. Other	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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Plan B Equipment 1. Vendor Issues	Region 2		Region 3			
	Washington Automark	St. Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante
	A. System Costs	ES&S AUTOMARK (52) @ \$6703.92=\$348,603.84	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
B. Vendor Services	IN 2006 BALLOT PRODUCTION COSTS WERE \$3650 PER ONE MACHINE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION. 52@3650=\$189,800. ONE ELECTION MINIMUM.	\$50,000 Acceptance testing Software and licenses Training on ballot programming Training on system operation	Battery Packs-- \$8,100 Accessory Kits-- \$12,600 Voting Tables-- \$36,000 Ballot Encoders-- \$36,000 Smart Cards-- \$90,00 Trainers-- \$10,000 Total ----\$102,790	2 day @ \$1000 = \$2000	N/A	\$1,000 per machine = \$20,000
C. Vendor Support	TRAINING POLL WORKERS AT \$10.00 PER HOUR FOR 208 PEOPLE IN TWO HOUR SESSIONS= \$4,160. THEN ANOTHER COST FOR THE 34 CUSTODIANS AT \$15.00 PER HOUR FOR TWO HOURS = \$1020	\$20,000 Election Day Support	\$10,000	\$30,000 licensing fee	N/A	\$7 * 20 machines

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	Region 2		Region 3			
	Washington Autonark	St Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante
Plan B Equipment						
D. Comments	WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL SUPPORT STATE CERTIFIED MACHINES AS ACCESSIBLE AND PERMANENT VOTING SYSTEMS. THE EXPENDITURE OF THIS EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A BAND-AID APPROACH TO THE OVERALL SOLUTION FOR ALL NYS VOTERS IS RIDICULOUS.	Will vendors be able to supply the number of machines required and conduct associated required training and support in such a short time frame? Will the State Board of Elections have sufficient personnel to do ADEQUATE acceptance testing on a statewide basis? Only funds available are HAVA funds, which when used for a temporary application would be a tremendous waste and gross negligence of taxpayer dollars.	If this is cutting into our monies that has been set aside for the purchase of another type of voting equipment that would be someday certified) and is just a band-aid, then it is really a case of throwing the money away.	This money has not been budgeted for 2008. To use HAVA funds for temporary fix would be a waste of tax dollars.	N/A	This would cost at a minimum \$248,000 a year for Plan B, which is for a system only for 2008 election year.
2. Personnel Issues						
A. Technical Support	THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ES&S HAS BEEN GOOD WHEN YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM. THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN THE BEST. THE TIME AND MONEY TO TAKE TO TRAIN THE POLL WORKERS WOULD BE IN EXCESS \$5180.00	\$45,000 Acceptance testing requiring temporary personnel Assist with and conduct BMD programming Voter Outreach temps Pollworker Training	\$5,000	N/A	N/A	\$40,000

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		Region 2		Region 3			
	Washington Automark	St. Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante	
Plan B Equipment							
B. Poll Workers -- Availability	N/A	33% increase in number of required poll workers -- 2 per ED -- "difficult to find sufficient numbers now" -- often have to resort to uncertified and untrained inspectors. BMD pollworkers would have specific training on that system. Using other poll workers would interrupt regular voter flow.	This is the breakdown for a General Election, if the State Board allows us to have 2 inspectors instead of 4 then the cost is 45x 2x \$150.00= \$13,500. The training will be added in too, that is 110 x \$25.00= \$2,750	33 x 4 = 132 x 175 = \$23,100 (election) 150 x 25 = \$3750 (school) conduct 4 additional schools = \$300 (est)	N/A	40 additional inspectors	
B. Poll Workers -- Cost	\$5,180	\$60,000	This is the breakdown for a General Election, if the State Board allows us to have 2 inspectors instead of 4 then the cost is 45x 2x \$150.00= \$13,500 The training will be added in too, that is 110 x \$25.00= \$2,750	Can barely find poll workers for what we have. They are also afraid of electronics and many have stated they will be done when new comes in...	N/A	Primary (\$4,800); General (\$6,400) ... \$11,200	

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		Region 2		Region 3			
	Washington Automak		St Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante
Plan B Equipment							
C. Clerical Staff	N/A		\$100,000 Additional staff required to support dual systems, train and do sufficient voter outreach, oversee inspector training and supervise delivery and pick-up from the polls.	Unsure	N/A	N/A	Temporary staff of 2 clerks to maintain and record results - 4,000
D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	N/A		\$30,000-40,000 Immense size of our county creates unique problems with delivery, availability of moving facilities, and adequate staff to do this in a reasonable time without running into security issues.	Using the County Custodians would be how we would go- 2 x \$1,200= \$2,400. Delivery truck \$6,000	Hire two additional staff.	N/A	2 custodians specially trained at \$6000 year * 3 = \$12,000

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		Region 2		Region 3			
	Washington Automark	St. Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante	
Plan B Equipment							
E. Impact of Running Dual Systems	N/A	Additional costs and more chances for error when running dual systems. Staff without adequate training and voters without proper education on the system could result in lines, disenfranchisement and lack of confidence about the election process by an already skeptical public.	It would be a nightmare w/ twice the paperwork and printing cost would sky rocket	Election night reporting: 33 additional phone calls with #'s. Design of data input sheets (IT Department) to accept and enter these numbers.	N/A	Separate and additional training - minimal expense of \$100 each * 40 = 40,000	

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	Region 2		Region 3			
	Washington Autonark	St. Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante
Plan B Equipment						
F. Comments	<p>THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ES&S HAS BEEN GOOD WHEN YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM. THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN THE BEST. THE TIME AND MONEY TO TAKE TO TRAIN THE POLL WORKERS WOULD BE IN EXCESS \$5180.00</p>	<p>There is an increased turnout in Presidential years and therefore BOE's workloads would be dealing with implementation of a device that the public is not familiar with and that the pollworkers do not know how to work.</p>	<p>The workload would triple and the fact that our budget would come under fire, we can't get our administrators to understand our needs now. This is largely due to the fact that for 6 years we have been telling them that we are going to get Federal & State money for new voting equipment and the fulfillment of that deal has not happened —so they have stopped listening.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
3. Facility Issues						
A. Space Requirements / Constraints	N/A	<p>At this time our county has no warehouse space available to us. We would need to find a space to rent and renovate for this use.</p>	<p>We do not have any extra space and will not be given any in the near future.</p>	<p>Find storage for 33 machines. ? electrical to charge 33 machines and maintain charges.</p>	N/A	<p>Rent storage room for 20 machines which would be a minimum of \$100 rent</p>

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		Region 2		Region 3			
	Washington Automark	St Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante	
Plan B Equipment							
D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	N/A	Many of our poll sites currently have limited parking and electrical needs are less than desirable.	None	N/A	N/A	Parking - ok. Electrical will have to be determined as many sites are very old with limited electrical outlets.	
E. Comments	N/A	As Commissioners, the above issues are difficult to deal with on a temporary basis and with so many unknowns which doesn't allow us to plan very far ahead. Moving poll sites in rural areas is not always possible and results in more confusion to the voters. Pollworker training and voter outreach need time to be done effectively.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4. What would your county do							
A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	N/A	Consider placing a few additional BMD's in major population centers.	If the State would allow a "Super Site" say in 5 or 6 locations that might be a good thing--	N/A	N/A	Our super site is our office only	

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	Region 2		Region 3				
	Washington Automark		St. Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante
Plan B Equipment							
B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	N/A		With extremely limited resources we would try to obtain people to "drive voters" to the BMD devices and ask that those voters notify us of their need ahead of time.	Public transportation would be available	N/A	N/A	We will try to find an accessible van (in Lewis County) for the day.
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	N/A		Increase communication with local advocacy groups to provide training on the BMD's -- do mailings and advertise	Additional work shops could be set-up	N/A	N/A	We are not doing any additional programs as we are part-time commissioners with part-time staffers.

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	Washington Autmark		St. Lawrence Avante	Clinton Avante	Franklin Avante	Jefferson Avante	Lewis Avante
Plan B Equipment							
D. Other	N/A		<p>Our county has many jurisdictions, most of which are rural. We also deal with the largest county in area in New York State which provides its own set of unique problems such as transportation, delivery and availability of resources. In 2006 we have several voters use the BMD (none of which were disabled). In 2008 a reasonable and satisfactory approach could meet the needs of the disabled community without disenfranchising the majority of voters.</p>	N/A	<p>As soon as NYS certifies a voting system which meets NYS requirements and Federal...we will make every effort to comply in a reasonable time frame as we have with all mandates.</p>	N/A	<p>We did a significant amount of advertising, news articles, printing on mail check cards and mailing to all voters past two years with option for BMD, mailings to permanent absentees.</p>

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Plan B Equipment 1. Vendor Issues	Region 3				Region 4				
	Oswego Populex	Onondaga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Oneida Avante	
	A. System Costs	N/A	N/A	Very high Financial Burden on Broome County seeing that we have 124 polling sites ... tremendous costs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
B. Vendor Services	\$50,000; Acceptance testing, Licenses, Training on systems and programming	Programming (if allowed) \$10,000	No problems (as of yet)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
C. Vendor Support	\$10,000 - \$15,000 Election Day support	Difficult to estimate	No problems (as of yet)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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		Region 3				Region 4				
		Oswego	Onondaga	Broome	Chenango	Delaware	Herkimer	Madison	Oneida	
		Populex	Avante	Automark	Avante	Automark	Avante	Avante	Avante	
Plan B Equipment										
D. Comments		Question whether vendors are in position to supply 6000 plus systems, conduct "Train-the-Trainer" sessions and provide "on the ground" support in a major rollout in the short time frame that will be available.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
		Will the State Board be in a position to conduct acceptance tests on systems. Acceptance testing in 2006 was less than adequate.								
2. Personnel Issues										
A. Technical Support		\$50,000 - \$75,000 Assisting with or conducting acceptance tests Programming BMD's Voter outreach, poll worker training	We would have to hire an additional 20 voting machine technicians @ 26 hours @ \$17.50 = \$9,100	We would have to have additional training since we would be using two different types of voting systems at this time.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Having technicians taking care of BMD's, delivering and setting them up would be costly and time consuming. Training (and finding qualified technicians to be trained) would be huge problem. We would have to hire 2 new people @ \$25-\$35,000/yr.	N/A	

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		Region 3		Region 4				
	Oswego Populex	Onondaga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Oneida Avante
Plan B Equipment								
B. Poll Workers -- Availability	<p>\$340,000</p> <p>25% increase in number of poll workers - 2 per ED Training of poll workers specifically for BMD's</p>	<p>We currently have difficulty recruiting and retaining inspectors. We feel we would need an additional 2 inspectors in each site. Primary - \$40,600 General \$60,900</p>	<p>We would have to increase the staff at the poll sites.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Finding 74 more poll workers to be trained on the 37 ballot marking devices would be almost impossible. It is difficult enough to find enough inspectors to open the polls as it is. To train the inspectors would cost \$1,850. The cost for 3 elections using one BMD would be \$576. The total cost would be \$21,312 for 37 BMDs.</p>	N/A
B. Poll Workers -- Cost	<p>\$40,000</p> <p>25% increase in number of poll workers - 2 per ED Training of poll workers specifically for BMD's</p>	<p>We currently have difficulty recruiting and retaining inspectors. We feel we would need an additional 2 inspectors in each site. Primary - \$40,600 General \$60,900</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Finding 74 more poll workers to be trained on the 37 ballot marking devices would be almost impossible. It is difficult enough to find enough inspectors to open the polls as it is. To train the inspectors would cost \$1,850. The cost for 3 elections using one BMD would be \$576. The total cost would be \$21,312 for 37 BMDs.</p>	N/A

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		Region 3			Region 4			
	Oswego Populex	Onondaga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Oneida Avante
Plan B Equipment								
C. Clerical Staff	\$100,000 Additional staff to support dual systems. Training, outreach plus temporary staff.	We feel we would need additional staff to train our inspectors and the disabled community	No additional staff predicted.	N/A	N/A	N/A	We would have to bring in part-time staff for at least 2 weeks prior and after each election. (2 people for 4 weeks for 3 elections – 12 weeks total – that would kill our budget.	N/A
D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	\$15,000 - \$20,000 Temporary staff to deliver and pick up BMD's	We would have to make arrangements to transport 203 voting systems throughout Onondaga County along with the current lever machines	Machines would need to be delivered and set up by BOE Staff which would increase our cost and time.	N/A	N/A	N/A	We would use the technicians for set/Up and delivery (see 2A). Finding ones separate from our custodians that will be busy with lever machines will be a problem.	N/A

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		Region 3			Region 4				
		Oswego Populix	Onondaga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Oneida Avante
Plan B Equipment	E. Impact of Running Dual Systems	Additional costs could be a one time expense as certified systems when purchased will replace BMD's and all training, support, systems, probably will not be used again.	Running dual systems in a presidential year is asking for disaster. This will be a very high turn out year (79% in 2004). All of our activities are increased and finding the resources to accomplish our tasks in a normal presidential year are already a challenge. To try to implement a second voting system and do it right will be impossible. It is important to ensure the public's confidence that the process of voting is run as smooth as possible.	Probability of errors would be greatly increased due to two different types of voting systems.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Very confusing for inspectors and our staff, to say nothing of the public.	N/A

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		Region 3		Region 4					
	Plan B Equipment	Oswego Populex	Onondaga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Oneida Avante
	F. Comments	Presidential election years generally experience 40 – 50% higher voter turnout than non presidential election years. Requiring dual systems without adequate training and outreach puts both systems in jeopardy of failing, disenfranchising a high number of voters.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We think this is a huge, costly mistake. Our disabled voters want to vote by paper ballot in their home. We sent them all letters two years ago and the response we received was that very few want to vote at the poll site.	N/A
3. Facility Issues									
	A. Space Requirements / Constraints	Current warehouse space maxed out. Dual system in 2008 would require increased space of at least 50 to 75%. All of the space may not be required after selection of certified systems again causing substantial increase in facility costs for as little as 1 year.	We currently do not have a climate controlled facility that could house an electronic voting system	Additional space would have to be rented for the new systems.	N/A	N/A	N/A	We do not have space at this time to store 36 more ballot marking devices as we do not have a warehouse. The county is looking into several possibilities.	N/A

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		Region 3			Region 4				
	Oswego Populex	Orondegga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Otsego Avante	
Plan B Equipment									
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	Most current AVMI lever systems are stored at poll sites. For security reasons BMD's would have to be delivered and picked up morning of and evening of elections to prevent tampering, pilferage and damage to systems.	If we had a place to house the machines we would have a two tiered delivery system. The current lever machines are housed in 19 different locations. These would still need to be delivered and we would need to hire inexperienced truckers to deliver the second voting system	More staff would have to be added for delivery and pickup of the BMD Systems.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This would be a problem with manpower. We could get vans or moving trucks, but the manpower is an issue. We would probably use the technicians.	N/A	
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	Many poll sites currently can only provide space for current system. Added BMD would require poll site changes which are difficult in rural area where poll sites are often difficult to come by.	Many of our polling places would not have room to house an additional voting system and we would need to secure additional sites. These could be difficult in some areas where there are not many options for polling places	Several poll sites have very limited space for two different voting systems.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Many of our poll sites are too small to accommodate another area to set up the ballot marking devices in a private area.	N/A	

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	Region 3		Region 4					
	Oswego Populex	Onondaga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Oneida Avante
B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	Where mass transit is available, arrange for increased bus runs. In rural areas, arrange for county systems, such as "Call-A-Bus", private taxi transportation or other county assisted transportation measures.	We would work with the local disabled community to enhance transportation opportunities for voters with disabilities	Transportation would stress our county resources and staff.	N/A	N/A	N/A	We really could not do any more than we did last year. We sent out news releases and contracted with a mass transit system to give rides to anyone who needed one. No one used that service. Out of the 4 disabled people who used the BMD, three had their own ride and one of our staff picked the other person up.	N/A
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	Increase efforts to work with local advocacy groups to reach out to disabled community to provide opportunity for the disabled to become familiar with BMD's prior to Election Day and to heavily advertise or produce mailings to households to make disabled aware of the transportation available for travel to and from the poll site.	We would work with local newspaper, television and radio to use PSA's to inform voters of polling locations and transportation opportunities	Has not been discussed at this time.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This year we have again sent out news releases about the ballot marking device. We have had one response, and that person is not sure if they will use the device.	N/A

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		Region 3			Region 4				
	Oswego Populex	Onondaga Avante	Broome Automark	Chenango Avante	Delaware Automark	Herkimer Avante	Madison Avante	Oneida Avante	
Plan B Equipment	<p>Counties, although similar in many instances, are all unique in many ways and a "one size fits all" approach will not work. In 2006 counties set forth a plan that they could live with and accomplish and it worked. The same approach should be taken for 2008. By working with the disabled community in each county, a reasonable and satisfactory approach that meets the needs for 2008 could be achieved.</p>	<p>Forcing the issue to go to each polling place with a disabled voter accessible voting system before there is a certifiable voting system compliant with HAVA and NYS requirements would be contrary to the objectives of HAVA which are to have IMPROVED elections administration. This approach is courting disaster and creating the environment for another Florida experience.</p>	<p>Being forced to purchase o124 BMD voting machines may not necessarily be the machine we would want in Broome County under Plan A.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
D. Other									

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Plan B Equipment 1. Vendor Issues	Region 4				Region 5				
	Ossego	Avante	Tompkins	Populex	Cayuga	Chemung	Cortland	Schuyler	Seneca
	Avante		Populex		Populex	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante
A. System Costs	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
B. Vendor Services	We had a whole county Republican primary as well as a full county general. The cost for programming for the two elections was approximately \$2,760.		Unknown		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
C. Vendor Support	N/A		Unknown		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	As per contract - TBD

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		Region 4				Region 5					
		Otsego				Tompkins	Cayuga	Chemung	Cortland	Schuyler	Seneca
		Avante				Populex	Populex	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante
Plan B Equipment											
	D. Comments	We had one disabled individual vote on the Plan B machine in the primary and the same person voted in the general election. Four people from our office also voted on the machine for each election.			Unknowns: We are concerned that there would be enough machines available state wide and that the manufacturer would have enough trained staff to support everyone. There is no interest in our community for machines that will be obsolete in a year. At this time, we are not interested in purchasing additional Avante machines. The machines were "band-aids" and not a piece of equipment that we would want to invest into further. In 2006, in order to appease the DOJ, the NYSBOE certified at least one BMD that the testing lab was able to find two reproducible anomalies because it was only a BMD and I suspect that they were under pressure to certify something. Are we going to compromise the rules and regulations again – except this time on a 50 times larger scale to satisfy the DOJ and maybe, and we emphasize maybe a few voters???		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2. Personnel Issues											
	A. Technical Support	N/A			We are only an office of six and it takes all of our resources just to make the deadlines of a national election year.		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	As per contract - Undetermined at this time

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	Region 4		Region 5				
	Osego Avante	Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante
Plan B Equipment	The majority of our inspectors are of a more mature age (70s and 80s) and are not comfortable with technology. It would be next to impossible for us to get inspectors to "man" the BMD. As it is, we have trouble getting enough inspectors to work for our primary and general elections.						
B. Poll Workers -- Availability	The cost to have 114 MORE inspectors (based on a BMD in every election district) for the primary and general elections in order to man the BMDs would be an additional \$30,210. We do not have money in our budget to pay this additional cost.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Availability is questionable - it depends on the election
B. Poll Workers -- Cost	The majority of our inspectors are of a more mature age (70s and 80s) and are not comfortable with technology. It would be next to impossible for us to get inspectors to "man" the BMD. As it is, we have trouble getting enough inspectors to work for our primary and general elections. The cost to have 114 MORE inspectors (based on a BMD in every election district) for the primary and general elections in order to man the BMDs would be an additional \$30,210. We do not have money in our budget to pay this additional cost.	it would be an additional \$8000 per election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The cost is approximately \$8,000.00 (additional) per election

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		Region 4				Region 5			
		Otsego Avante	Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante	
Plan B Equipment		The programming for the BMDs has to be done in house and we do not currently have the staffing to do this. When we did our budget this year, we requested that we be allowed to hire two more people for the purpose of programming the machines for elections but it is doubtful that we will be allowed these additional hires. We do not currently have the staffing to do what we need to do as well as do the programming. We have had two temporary workers in every week since the first part of June. Each temporary worker has worked at least three days a week during that time. Even with this help, we are still just barely keeping our heads above water.	We would have to hire part time help to have enough staff for election day and have proper training for each site.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Additional staff at approximately \$2,000 per election	
C. Clerical Staff		The additional tasks that would be required in order to have a BMD in every polling place would stretch our resources so thin that something would surely have end up being done wrong or skipped altogether.							
D. Set Up / Delivery Staff		We currently have four county custodians who set all of our machines. These men would have to deliver the 57 BMDs to each of the 30 polling places the day prior to the election, and then pick them up the day after. We are a rural county. It would take two teams of two custodians approximately 10 hours to deliver the BMDs and another 10 hours to pick them up.	\$2900 per election	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Delivery - \$2500.00 (approximately) Set-Up - \$1500.00	

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	Region 4		Region 5				
	Otsego Avante	Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante
Plan B Equipment	<p>The addition of a second system will certainly cause a lot of confusion for the inspectors as well as the voters. The inspectors won't know whether to have a voter vote on the old lever machine or on the BMD and will be afraid to ask for fear of offending someone.</p>	<p>a lot of confusion at polling sites in an already extremely busy election year. Inspectors and office staff are worked to extreme limits for Presidential Elections in a routine year.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>AVM BMD Ballot set-up Set-up Ballot Printing Programming Custodial Fees Transportation Transportation Machine Technicians 4 Election Inspectors (per district) 2 Additional Inspectors An Enormous Financial/Personnel Impact</p>
E. Impact of Running Dual Systems							

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		Region 4				Region 5		
	Ossego Avante	Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante	
Plan B Equipment								
F. Comments	<p>We have worked with our local independent living people and it seems to be their feeling that the use of BMDs would exclude the disabled community as they would be voting on a system that is different from the system the general public is voting on.</p> <p>If we were to put a BMD in every polling place instead of every election district, it would be a disaster because the inspectors would have to set the machine to different districts based on the voter's residence.</p>	<p>We had a total of two voters county-wide use the one machine provided for last year's elections. The individuals with disabilities have expressed their concerns and would prefer to wait until the new voting systems are ready to use. Others have expressed their desire to continue using absentee ballots.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3. Facility Issues								
A. Space Requirements / Constraints	The County doesn't currently have the space to store 57 BMDs.	some voting facilities would have to be relocated which is very difficult in our county because there are not a lot of options.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3100.00 per month for BMD Storage Already Determined	

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Plan B Equipment	Region 4		Region 5				
	Osage Avante	Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	We would have to rent two "U-Haul" trucks for the four county custodians to the use to deliver and pick-up the BMDs. The approximate cost would be \$39.95 per day per truck plus mileage.	Extra staff, space and tables will be needed.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We have a quote for \$100.00 round trip per voting system from storage to Poll sites: AVMA (27) \$2700.00 BMD (25) \$2500.00 TOTAL: \$6200.00 (per election)
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	None of our current polling places are large enough to have both a lever machine, a BMD, a table, six chairs and other related paraphernalia. To have the lever machines in one area and the BMDs in another is not an option.	could become a big issue, depends on time allotment and notification of changes in sites.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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		Region 4				Region 5			
	Osego Avante	Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante		
Plan B Equipment									
D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	There is a definite concern that there will be enough parking to accommodate two extra inspectors per district, as well as the added electrical outlets that would be required for the BMDs.	Again, we would need adequate time to notify voters of any polling site changes, but our choices are very limited.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Parking N/A; Electrical – To Be Determined Site by Site		
E. Comments	While we are sensitive to the needs of the handicapped community, it is our feeling that putting a BMD in every election district would be a disaster. We do not have inspectors who could be trained to operate a BMD that can offer up more than one election district. The possibility of people voting on a BMD that isn't set for the correct district is a real possibility.	We do not try to make any major changes in a presidential primary because it causes confusion for many voters.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
4. What would your county do									
A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	We currently have a "Super Site" in our office.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No Plans/Needs At This Time To Enhance Any Poll Sites		

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		Region 4				Region 5		
	Ossego Avante	Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante	
Plan B Equipment								
B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	Last year we worked with our county bus line to determine their schedule so that if someone wanted to use it to come to our office to vote we could tell them what the schedule was. We will once again work with the local bus line to ensure that if someone wants to us it that we know what their schedule is.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To Put An Electronic Voting System Tracking Device On Each System	
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	We would once again have PSAs in the local newspapers and on one of the local radio stations letting people know about the Plan B machine (BMD), what our office hours are, and what our phone number is.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	To Deploy Board Employees to Civic Organizations, Community Events, Grocery Stores, Schools, Colleges, etc.	

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		Region 4			Region 5			
	Ossego Avante		Tompkins Populex	Cayuga Populex	Chemung Avante	Cortland Avante	Schuyler Avante	Seneca Avante
Plan B Equipment								
D. Other	N/A		If there was an interest in utilizing Avante machines, we would put forth a 100% effort towards this goal. But why waste taxpayer's dollars and our time when we could do the job right the first time with certified machines.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Seneca County is a small rural county of 33,000 residents and 20,000 registered voters. In anticipation of electronic voting systems (intended to meet the needs of people with disabilities) we conducted a survey of those currently receiving absentee ballots due to disability issues. Of the nearly 200 voters only one responded that they would prefer to go to the poll site. Many of the others contacted our Board almost in a panic because they thought we were "taking their absentee ballots away." In 2006 we housed one accessible voting system in our Board and we had absolutely no one with a disability use that system or even inquire about it. It is our PROFESSIONAL opinion that it is an incredible waste of taxpayer dollars, equipment, and time to provide a BMD device in every poll site, or for that matter in every town.

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	Region 5											
	Steuben		Tioga		Yates		Monroe		Allegany		Chautauqua	Erie
	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante	Populex	Populex	Populex	Avante	Automark	Automark
Plan B Equipment												
1. Vendor Issues												
A. System Costs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			-BMD - 450 machines (425 polling sites) @ \$4,000 to \$6,000 - Cost \$1,800,000 to \$2,700,000. This is with the understanding that all equipment includes tactile attachments (i.e. headphone, sip & puff devices, etc), software, software licenses, and maintenance contracts. -EMS - \$30,000 to \$60,000	N/A	N/A	\$480,000	N/A	
B. Vendor Services	We would expect programming ballots to run about \$5,000 in 2008	N/A	N/A				- Training of custodians, Board of Election inspector coordinators & trainers, and is staff on EMS systems	N/A	N/A	\$40,000	N/A	
C. Vendor Support	Vendor would be required to support call BMD's	N/A	N/A				-Delivery and acceptance testing - Pre-election phone support for machine and EMS set-up and prep - In county support on primary and general election days	N/A	N/A	\$12,800	N/A	

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		Region 5							
	Steuben Avante	Tioga Avante	Yates Avante		Monroe Populex	Allegany Populex	Cattaraugus Avante	Chautauqua Automark	Erie Automark
Plan B Equipment									
D. Comments	Our one machine this year required a visit from the IT department to replace our one laptop. With 62 they would probably be very busy in Steuben County.	N/A	N/A		- Audio elements of any BMD will require programming and staff testing time. In addition to the regular staff we will likely contract with experts in this field to assure the system meeting the needs of it users.	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
2. Personnel Issues									
A. Technical Support	With a full time staff of only four non technical employees we would have to hire one or two technical people to work on this full time for at least four months of the year.	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A

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		Region 5							
	Steuben	Tioga	Yates	Montroe	Allegany	Cattaraugus	Chautauqua	Erle	
	Avante	Avante	Avante	Populex	Populex	Avante	Automark	Automark	
Plan B Equipment									
B. Poll Workers -- Availability	Unknown at this time just how much training would be necessary. We already have a shortage of poll workers and expect with BMD we would lose more.	N/A	N/A	- Each machine would require two additional poll workers (one from each party). Since it is already very difficult to recruit sufficient number of inspectors to staff the current polling site configuration adding and training over 800 additional staff will place extreme stress on the election process plus an additional approximate cost of \$200,000. (\$136,000 General, \$42,750 Primary, & \$21,250 training)	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	
B. Poll Workers -- Cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	

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		Region 5							
		Steuben	Tioga	Yates					
		Avante	Avante	Avante	Montroe	Allegany	Cattaraugus	Chautauqua	Erie
		Avante	Avante	Avante	Populex	Populex	Avante	Automark	Automark
Plan B Equipment									
C. Clerical Staff	May have to hire additional clerical staff.	N/A	N/A	N/A	- Additional clerical staff for proofing and layout, testing voting equipment including ADA features, inventory and record keeping	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A
D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	Would require a great deal of planning and expense. We are a very rural area with great distances separating voting locations.	N/A	N/A	N/A	- Currently office staff is used to deliver and setup our BMD. In addition they assist our poll workers in opening the site. Unlike the lever machines which require little to set them up and prepare for the voter, BMD's require a number of technical steps that will take longer and require more extensive training and some background in computers. We have been informed by many of our seasoned poll workers that they cannot handle this new technology and will resign if forced to do so.	N/A	N/A	\$20,000	N/A

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		Region 5							
	Steuben Avante	Tioga Avante	Yates Avante		Monroe Populex	Allegany Populex	Cattaraugus Avante	Chautauqua Automark	Erie Automark
Plan B Equipment									
E. Impact of Running Dual Systems	Do not believe this would be a problem. Of course those using the BMD's would be segregated from the rest of voters using lever machines which defeats the purpose of having BMD's.	N/A	N/A		- Dual process for the following: chain of custody, inventory maintenance, inspectors, training programs, voter outreach and education programs, programming and testing of equipment. If the problem only required money, than someone could suggest that despite the cost it is the right thing to do. Unfortunately it is much more about the difficulty in recruiting the technical and trained staff that will be required to execute the implementation of even this partial plan within a very limited time frame that creates the potential for disaster.	N/A	N/A	Minimal	N/A

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		Region 5						
	Steuben Avante	Tioga Avante	Yates Avante	Montrose Populex	Allegany Populex	Cattaraugus Avante	Chautauqua Automark	Erie Automark
Plan B Equipment								
F. Comments	We expect that very few disabled voters would use these machines.	N/A	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
3. Facility Issues								
A. Space Requirements / Constraints	We expect we could find a central location to store these machines	N/A	N/A	- New additional controlled space would be required for equipment (including peripheral items such as tables, chairs, equipment stands, extension cords, etc), testing areas, ballot handling areas, etc.	N/A	N/A	Space previously procured	N/A

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SUMMARY OF COUNTY RESPONSES

		Region 5							
		Steuben	Tioga	Yates	Montie	Allegany	Cattaraugus	Chautauqua	Erie
Plan B Equipment	Avante	Avante	Avante	Avante	Populex	Populex	Avante	Automark	Automark
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	Again we a very large rural county (the size of Rhode Island) so the delivery and picking up the BMD's becomes expense and time consuming.	N/A	N/A	N/A	- Develop transportation requirements to assure appropriate handling of equipment to avoid damage and maintain chain of custody. - Separate contract will be required for handling BMD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	Expect that poll site could handle these machines with out too much difficulty.	N/A	N/A	N/A	- Most polling sites are currently at capacity in terms of space usage. Additional locations within current sites will be required or new sites will be needed. Given the current unfriendly environment from public buildings (schools, municipal buildings, community centers) attempting to expand current site in addition to securing new sites will at the very least be difficult but could result in losing sites within a given geographic area altogether. This will cause extreme voter frustration and disenfranchisement. This does not address issues of security after the delivery of equipment at polling sites for both the machines and ballots.	N/A	N/A	None	N/A

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		Region 5							
	Steuben Avante	Tioga Avante	Yates Avante		Monroe Populex	Allegany Populex	Cattaraugus Avante	Chautauqua Automark	Erie Automark
Plan B Equipment									
D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	Do not believe this would be a problem	N/A	N/A		<p>- Current equipment storage facility – Our current facility has minimal electrical outlets and lighting as this is not a particular need for mechanical lever machines. There could be additional issues with heating, cooling and humidity as our facility is older warehouse that is very cold in the winter and very hot in the summer. Dust control could be an issue as there are concrete floors and multiple bay doors that open directly to the outside.</p> <p>- Polling sites – many of our polling sites are in older buildings including older city schools, fire stations, churches and community centers that have not been upgraded through-out their buildings to deal with the new technologies. Very often these older building were retrofitted with specific rooms for computers and new technological devices and the areas we are assigned to for polling sites do not have these upgraded elements (i.e. AC, humidity control, electrical, etc).</p>	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
E. Comments	N/A	N/A	N/A		None	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
4. What would your county do									
A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	We could change the location if necessary and we could guaranty a ride from any location in the County to the "super site," free of charge.	N/A	N/A		<p>- Using the Center for Disability Rights (CDR) to assure the greatest degree of access we have already added a second machine to allow for peak times and meet any volume increase that may occur due to added transportation programs.</p>	N/A	N/A	We set up five super sites in 2005 and were hardly used.	N/A

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		Region 5								
		Steuken Avante	Tioga Avante	Yates Avante		Monroe Populex	Allegany Populex	Cattaraugus Avante	Chautauqua Automark	Erie Automark
Plan B Equipment										
B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	Free ride to the "super site."	N/A	N/A	N/A	- Continuing to provide a single site in the county would allow the opportunity for us to work with the CDR to identify potential handicap accessible vehicles for Election Day transportation. Working through the CDR would help us reach out to those in need who otherwise would be easily overlooked even with a BMD in every polling site.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	Continue to advertise through papers, radio, TV, disability organizations, Office of the Aging, etc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	- Reach out beyond our traditional disability groups and work with New York State agencies to expand the information networks to reach additional people who will require assistance. In addition we will expand our current work with local agencies like the CDR and the Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI). We will focus these efforts on improving the experience of the disable voters to ensure they are able to exercise their rights.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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		Region 5							
	Steuben Avante	Tioga Avante	Yates Avante		Montroe Populex	Allegany Populex	Cattaraugus Avante	Chautauqua Automark	Erie Automark
Plan B Equipment									
D. Other	It is our belief that as practical matter this could not be accomplished in 2008. It is our understanding that vendors etc. would need more than a to provide our county with BMD's.	N/A	N/A		- Although we view these as only temporary plans we have continued programs for people with disabilities that include: permanent absentee voting; information for blind voters regarding their rights at the polling site in Braille; continued use of over 350 wheel chair accessible lever voting machines; sensitivity training in our inspector program; working with local transportation providers to assure maximum number of vehicles available on election days; locating the current BMD in an area that has access to over 20 bus lines which are completely ADA compliant and continue our ongoing meetings with the disability community to secure their continued input into all our activities. Additional issue/questions: Will we need to use these machines for other elections that we are involved in? (i.e. school district, fire district, water district, village elections, other special elections, etc)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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		Region 6							
		Genesee	Livingston	Niagara	Ontario	Oleans	Wayne	Wyoming	
		Automark	Populix	Avante	Avante	Populix	Automark	Populix	
1. Vendor Issues									
Plan B Equipment									
A. System Costs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cost of 40 additional BMD's would be about \$240,000 plus and there is an excessive cost for ballots as well.	N/A	
B. Vendor Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Would the vendor be able to program all of the BMD's for each election and we would be concerned if this could be done in a timely manner for the elections.	N/A	
C. Vendor Support	Not good now with only 1 BMD (Automark - ES&S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	Region 6							
	Genesee	Livingston	Niagara	Ontario	Orleans	Wayne	Wyoming	
	Autmark	Populex	Avante	Avante	Populex	Autmark	Populex	
Plan B Equipment								
D. Comments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	If we had the DRE machines in place these additional BMD's would not be needed.	N/A	
2. Personnel Issues								
A. Technical Support	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We do not have personnel to care for, test and make ready for elections.	N/A	

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	Region 6							
	Genesee	Livingston	Niagara	Ontario	Orleans	Wayne	Wyoming	
	Autumn	Populex	Avante	Avante	Populex	Autumn	Populex	
Plan B Equipment								
B. Poll Workers -- Availability	Wouldn't have enough poll workers -- barely enough now	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We would have to recruit an additional 80 election inspectors and then train them on the use of BMD's. Many do not even want to learn on this electronic equipment and we could possibly even lose some of our present poll workers.		
B. Poll Workers -- Cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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		Region 6							
		Genesee Automark	Livingston Populex	Niagara Avante	Ontario Avante	Orleans Populex	Wayne Automark	Wyoming Populex	
Plan B Equipment									
C. Clerical Staff	It would amount to 2 elections at the same time		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
D. Set Up / Delivery Staff	Would have to hire more staff		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	We have no plan for receiving and delivering additional BMD's and would have to train our machine custodians on how to handle these machines.	N/A	

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	Region 6						
	Genesee Automark	Livingston Populex	Niagara Avante	Ontario Avante	Orleans Populex	Wayne Automark	Wyoming Populex
Plan B Equipment							
E. Impact of Running Dual Systems	Disaster waiting to happen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Extra burden on our present poll workers and office personnel.	N/A

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		Region 6							
		Genesee Automark	Livingston Populex	Niagara Avante	Ontario Avante	Orleans Populex	Wayne Automark	Wyoming Populex	
Plan B Equipment									
F. Comments		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3. Facility Issues									
A. Space Requirements / Constraints	Some polling places do not have room for another voting system	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Do not at present have any space for storage of additional BMD's since we have very limited office space at this time.	N/A	

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	Region 6						
	Genesee	Livingston	Niagara	Ontario	Orleans	Wayne	Wyoming
Plan B Equipment	Autonark	Populex	Avante	Avante	Populex	Autonark	Populex
B. Logistics for delivering and picking up BMD systems	Take longer and need more staff to deliver both systems	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Have no system for delivering and retrieving additional BMD's and would necessitate the expenditure of additional funds for trucks and labor.	N/A
C. Poll Site Space Constraints	Many places only have room for 1 machine and 1 table	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Some of our poll sites would not accommodate additional equipment such as a BMD and might necessitate finding new poll sites which is not always easy in our rural area.	N/A

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		Region 6							
		Genesee	Livingston	Niagara	Ontario	Orleans	Wayne	Wyoming	
		Automark	Populex	Avante	Avante	Populex	Automark	Populex	
	Plan B Equipment								
	D. Facility Issues for Parking, Electrical, etc.	Many of our polling places most likely wouldn't have enough electrical outlets To accommodate another voting system	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Electrical requirements could also be a problem at some of our polling sites with additional BMD's and would have to survey our sites to see what their electrical capacity was capable of delivering.	N/A	
	E. Comments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4. What would your county do									
	A. Enhanced "Super Sites"	Continue to have machine at our office	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Our sense is that our County Supervisors would be reluctant to approve the expenditure (est. \$240,000 plus) of funds for a temporary fix such as additional BMD's, since we had no voters with handicaps use our BMD in the 2006 election.	N/A	

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		Region 6						
		Genesee Autotmark	Livingston Populex	Niagara Avante	Ontario Avante	Orleans Populex	Wayne Autotmark	Wyoming Populex
	Plan B Equipment							
	B. Enhanced Provisions for Transportation	Possibly hire local handicapped bus service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Could explore the feasibility of our regional transportation service providing a vehicle that could transport voters with handicaps to our BMD site in our BOE office.	N/A
	C. Enhanced Voter Outreach Program	Would advertise on radio and newspaper about transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Could advertise in our county newspapers about the availability of transportation and our BMD at the BOE office.	N/A

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	Region 6						
	Genesee	Livingston	Niagara	Ontario	Oreans	Wayne	Wyoming
	Automark	Populex	Avante	Avante	Populex	Automark	Populex
Plan B Equipment							
D. Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A