North Carolina Voting System Implementation and Timeline

August 26, 2005 NC's Public Confidence in Elections signed into law
http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2005/Bills/Senate/HTML/S223v7.html

September 26, 2005 NC State Board of Elections invites comments on request for proposal (RFP) process
http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/hava/voting_equ_memo.pdf

September 30, 2005 NC Verified Voting comments on RFP
http://www.verifiedvoting.org/downloads/NC-RFP%20comments.pdf

October 11, 2005 NC State Board of Elections issues RFP, bids to be opened November 4, 2005
http://www.cs.duke.edu/~justin/voting/upload/Voting_Systems_RFP.pdf

Three addenda to the above RFP:
one, http://www.cs.duke.edu/~justin/voting/upload/04454101.pdf
two, http://www.cs.duke.edu/~justin/voting/upload/04454102.pdf
three, http://www.cs.duke.edu/~justin/voting/upload/04454103.pdf

December 1, 2005 the NC State Board of Elections certified Diebold, ES&S and Sequoia (conditionally).
http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,1895791,00.asp

December 22, 2005. Diebold withdraws as N.C. voting equipment vendor citing that it wasn't able to meet the software code requirements.
http://www.ncvoter.net/dieboldnews.html

January 26, 2006. The NC Information Technology Services, the Attorney General and State Board Staff finalized an agreement with Election Systems & Software (ES&S).

The State Board of Elections also said it would do "acceptance testing" at a central location before the counties received their equipment. (Counties would still be responsible to test machines once received).

"To facilitate User Acceptance Testing (UAT) and provide quality assurance, State Board staff will assist ES&S as soon as confirmed orders are submitted and machines are received at the central warehouse in Raleigh. The State Board of Elections will use HAVA funds to pay for acceptance testing of the iVotronic, iVotronic ADA, M100 and AutoMark. This procedure will more efficiently use available time, reduce out of the box error rates and result in an approximate cost savings of $2.4 million to the county boards of elections. County boards of elections will be encouraged to be present for the UAT to monitor or assist as deemed appropriate."

http://www.ncvoter.net/downloads/The_State_Board_Training_Seminar_Jan26_06.pdf

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February 2, 2006. The NC State Board of Elections advises counties that they need to have their voting equipment ordered and received in time for one-stop voting which begins April 13, 2006 and for the primary election scheduled for May 2, 2006.

The SBOE also provides counties a "Grant Acceptance Agreement" and an additional $30,000 in funds if they finalize all orders by April 1, 2006.
http://www.ncvoter.net/downloads/The_State_Board_of_Elections_HAVA_grants_Feb_2_06.pdf

March 28, 2006 list of voting machine orders for NC Counties.
http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/voterweb/Orders%20for%202006%20Primary.htm

One-stop voting begins April 13, 2006.

May 3, 2006 First Time Rollout of Voting Machine Successful, Few Problems
http://www.news-record.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060503/NEWSREC0101/60503019/-1/NEWSRECRSSARKIVE

May 3, 2006 Turnout Mixed, New Equipment Worked Well
http://www.thepilot.com/news/050306voters.html