Goals: The purpose of this RFP is to replace the current Election Management System (EMS). A review of voting practices within Pinal County indicate that voters are increasingly opting for early voting (both in-person and mailed ballots), with fewer voters going to their respective polling places. With that in mind, Pinal County is exploring a variety of options, and will select the EMS that best fits the County’s overall needs. Implementation of this new system should be in place, fully functional and acceptance tested on or before May 19, 2014.

Pinal County has decided not to replace the precinct scanners previously used in favor of a central count type system to tabulate paper ballots for the 2014 Election Cycle. We plan to acquire enough ADA compliant voting units for each polling place to accommodate voters with disabilities. As these units will also be used at our early voting sites, each device must be able to contain all ballot styles for the entire county.
The planned system should provide a high speed central count solution along with all necessary maintenance and support for processing the expected volume of ballots as mentioned above based on voter turnout and mail ballots returned to the county. All eligible ballots must be tabulated quickly and efficiently on Election night in order to upload our county results in the expected time frame – 1 hour after the polls close and hourly thereafter. Each unit must have the capability of being able to detect anomalies or any mark such as a write-in vote. Such aforementioned ballots should be out stacked separately while still continuing to tabulate the remaining ballots.