

Participating in the Nevada Statewide Ballot Contract

Pursuant to <u>NAC 293.200</u>, the Secretary of State will reimburse counties for the cost of the basic ballot stock. Reimbursement* will not be made for setup and other costs, including the cost of personalized printing, stitching, binding or numbering of the ballots.

<u>NAC 293.010</u> defines "Ballot Stock" as the paper upon which a ballot is printed on which a voter directly indicates his or her vote; and the materials included with a mail ballot, including, without limitation, the mail ballot, return envelope, envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted to ensure its secrecy and voter instructions.

*Counties are not reimbursed for things like inserting or assembly costs, setup fees, or any other database or setup costs associated with the creation of mail ballots.

Counties have the option to join the statewide ballot contract authorized by NRS 293.2694.

Benefits of Joining the Statewide Ballot Contract

- Counties retain complete control of the design of their ballots as well as scheduling the delivery and overall administration of the mail ballot process.
- State assistance with mail ballot requirements and envelop design, a significant time savings for counties.
- More affordable options for counties due to increased buying power and expanded list of items the state can pay for. Direct payment from the state to counties means county funds can be used for other departmental needs, as the cost won't come out of the county budget.
- Increased contract protections as contract negotiations are handled by the state, and SOS will
 ensure each county receives services and products that are completely aligned with NRS and
 NAC requirements.
- Advocacy from the state on behalf of counties to ask the vendor for changes a county may need
- Time savings as SOS handles all invoices and provides notification to the counties once costs are paid.
- More efficient and effective ballot tracking capabilities and voter messaging consistency through increased standardization using the statewide contract.

Real-Time Savings			
County	Ballots Created	Cost per Ballot	Total Invoice Cost
Statewide Contract*	5,000	\$1.11	\$5,571.20
Independent Contract	4,040	\$4.87	\$19,668.64

^{*}Used Statewide Ballot Contract Vendor (Fort Orange Press)

Counties participating in the Statewide Ballot Contract in 2024: Esmeralda, Eureka, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey