It is an online, fully integrated series of modules for financial control, project management and operational planning. Additional modules are available for inventory and fixed assets. The package has been selected by National Defence, was installed in January of 1985, and is expected to be in production April of 1986. It can be properly implemented by April 1, 1987.

Interfacing with existing EDP equipment is feasible.

Our view of this alternative is that the costs of customization and implementation and the availability of competitive local support are deterring factors.

1.4   Recommendations

1.4.1   Alternative

Based on the preceeding assessments, the alternative which best satisfies the criteria success factors is AIDIS.

AIDIS can be customized and enhanced to meet External Affairs' specific needs. Because the system is fully operational, users can actually run the system and see its outputs. This will facilitate customizing efforts as well as provide a training base for External Affairs project team members.

The implementation approach and schedule for this alternative allows the department sufficient time to prepare itself and make formal arrangement for EDP services. Of all alternatives assessed, AIDIS requires the least preparatory work. We feel confident that the Treasury Board will support this alternative.