

Accumulated amortization	Balance at beginning of year	Acquisitions	Disposal	Balance at end of year
Leasehold Improvements	2,718	285	0	3,003
Furniture	671	129	38	762
EDP Equipment	2,617	590	66	3,141
Other Machine & Equipment	1,440	186	40	1,586
	7,446	1,190	144	8,492

(in thousands of dollars)

Other Capital Assets	Balance at beginning of year	Acquisitions	Disposal	Balance at end of year
Technology Enhancement Plan Project	8,015	4,462	0	12,477
	8,015	4,462	0	12,477

(in thousands of dollars)

5. Long-term leases

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The Passport Office occupies space at 29 locations under long-term leases which expire between March 31, 1997 and April 30, 2000.

Accommodation expense and tenant services consisted of:	1996	1995
Rentals	3,367	3,375
Tenant Services	93	55
	3,460	3,430

(in thousands of dollars)

6. Contingent liability

On April 15, 1993 a production contract was awarded to a company which quoted on the basis of a firm price per unit. The company has indicated that subsequent to this award, a number of events beyond its control significantly altered its production costs. The company was able eventually to resolve these difficulties, but has decided to claim against the Passport Office for the additional costs. The best estimate of the amount of the claim is \$84,500.