

Hallmark Computer Products  
Mississauga  
\$2649.00

GE Capital  
Mississauga  
\$3017.00

Government of Canada  
Purchasing  
\$2889.00

The quote from the company in Antigua is for a low-end, clone computer with 8mb RAM, 1.28 gb hard drive with a voltage regulator. We did not get estimates for voltage regulators from the Canadian companies, both of whom deal in Digital computers. Voltage regulators are however a necessity in Guatemala. The Hallmark computer contains 0.4gb more hard drive more than that purchased through the company in Antigua and has 8mb greater RAM. The GE Capital includes 1.3gb more hard drive than that offered in Antigua and also 8 mb more RAM. The computer available through the Canadian Embassy in Guatemala City is comparable to those bought in Canada; it is a brand name, with 2 gb hard drive, 8 mb Ram, and includes CD-Rom. The Digital computer available through the Canadian government in Ottawa is top of the range.

We would recommend purchasing the hardware in Guatemala because it is cheaper, particularly when shipping costs are added to the Canadian price. It will avoid potential customs problems, and will ensure comprehensive warranties are in effect.

## Benefits for Guatemala

1. The Monitoring Network will provide an essential element in the struggle to protect and enhance Human Rights.
2. It will provide the opportunity for widespread citizen participation in the development of a civil society.
3. The network will become a national, and international, reference point on the state of Human Rights in Guatemala. Such transparency will further enhance the potential for the successful reconstruction of the country by increasing pressure on all parties to adhere to the terms of the peace accords.
4. It will introduce computers and elementary computer training at the grassroots level.
5. A simultaneous public relations campaign will contribute to mobilizing broad support for constructing a civil society.
6. The public relations campaign will provide a simple and popular way for people to learn about the processes, structures and obligations of democratic process.
7. The public relations campaign will be an element in mobilizing grassroots commitment to protecting and enhancing Human Rights.