- One internal 3.5-inch, 1.44 Mb, diskette drive

- One 25-pin parallel port definable as either LPT1: or LPT2:

- One RS-232 asynchronous communications port definable as either COM1: or COM2:

- Keyboard connector for external enhanced AT keyboard, 101-keys, QWERTY
  note: Units being purchased for EAITC sites in Canada must support Canadian French accent characters

- VGA compatible LCD or plasma screen
  note: screens for laptops vary considerably in the resolution, contrast and useful viewing angle. It is recommended that prospective users view the screens themself before a final procurement decision is made

- VGA compatible adapter for external monitor

- Carrying case

- Power supply, switchable to 220 VAC / 50 Hz and 110 VAC / 60 Hz currents

- Battery power, minimum life of 2 hours

- One free expansion slot for internal modem

Laptops / Notebooks (options)

1. Battery pack(s)

2. Internal modem, Hayes or Hayes-Compatible and support transmission from 1200 to 2400 bytes per second (bps).

There exist tradeoffs between speed, features, battery life and weight. The appropriate model of laptop or notebook for any given user will depend upon the anticipated usage of the machine.

File Servers

Once the Department has settled on a Network Operating System, specifications describing appropriate configurations and possible models will be promulgated. The study of Network Operating Systems will be completed by the end of September, and by early next calendar year we will be able to define the specific hardware requirements (file server, network interface card, tape backup unit, communication equipment, i.e. network modem, etc...) .