APPENDIX 1: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

NOTE: For a more detailed discussion of Internet terms see Appendix 2.

Browser Software application program able to read hypertext documents.

CD-ROM Compact Disc - Read Only Memory, is a high storage optical disk that

contains a copy of a database plus a searching mechanism.

Database A collection of data, or information, which is stored and organized in a

structured way, allowing for the searching and retrieving of that data by

means of a computer.

Domain Name Identifies the location of a computer on the Internet.

FTP File Transfer Protocol, allows the transfer of a file from one computer to

another.

Gopher A menu-based client-server program allowing access to information on the

Internet.

Home Page A hypertext document which serves as the first hypertext page that the

user sees when they arrive at a specific World Wide Web site on the

Internet.

HTML Hypertext Markup Language, the language in which hypertext documents

are written.

Hypertext Documents that contain links to other documents.

Internet Worldwide collection of computer networks.

IP Address Unique number assigned to computers linked on the Internet.

Online For the purposes of Part A of this Directory, online refers to the process

of a user's computer communicating over telephone lines with a

commercial vendor's remote computer to access a database.

Telnet Internet protocol allowing a computer to connect to a remote computer on

the Internet.

URL Uniform Resource Locator, a description of an information resource,

including its location and type of access.