

- C. "Its architecture is sound and can form a foundation for the overall information network."

The architecture would be built with these objectives in mind, including features for downloading and use of analysis tools.

Unless a solid foundation (standards, policies for data administration and organizational structure) is in place, all approaches should be considered high in risk. The scope and complexity of the overall information network are significant and pose high risk in areas of cost overrun and meeting requirements.

- D. "It should not preclude packaged alternatives for Pernet, Inventory, Fixed Assets and Corporate Information systems or modules."

Technology would be selected with these objectives in mind.

- E. "Its technology can interface with the department's existing EDP investments."

Technology would be selected with this objective in mind.

- F. "It will be acceptable to and supported by the Treasury Board in terms of cost, risk and benefits."

The present direction of the central agency is one of discouraging custom build approaches. Their perception, based on historical realities, is that the costs and risks of such efforts are too high. Our impression is that the board will be very reluctant to support this alternative.

#### 3.4 GFS

##### 3.4.1 Original Criteria

As is, the Government Financial System (GFS) is inoperable but has the structure and core routines in place to meet all defined requirements.