

systems, expansion of rural telephone services using radio telephones, design of a second generation satellite for the Arabsat system and nation-wide paging services.

Major opportunities for Canadian firms are likely to be in the area of modems, paging terminals, PABX switching systems, multiplexers packet switching equipment and related interface equipment. An important requirement for the extensive infrastructure already in place will be maintenance services and testing equipment. In addition, the closer links between communications and data communications will create substantial opportunities in the data services field. Total service contracts are estimated to be in the range of \$1.4 billion per year.