

It is our view that the department should proceed with its planned acquisition for the following purposes.

**Corporate Module**

Corporate analysis and reporting modules should be resident to ensure any sensitive data is completely protected.

**Personnel System**

Data to be maintained on this system is of a confidential nature and should be retained within the department.

**Post Applications**

Development and maintenance of post systems requires facilities. Existing plans show the proposed on-site machine as the means for such work.

**Communications**

The on-site machine could be used to reformat TIDS data and transmit it to the FMS machine for update to financial records.

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Summation

It is our opinion that the AIDIS alternative best meets the economic and non-economic criteria for success. Given a solid base in the crucial area of data administration, it can form the cornerstone for an overall network and provide corporate users with a significant improvement in information support. Its perceived acceptability to Treasury Board in terms of cost, risk and impact on PY requirements, combined with no impact on existing EDP plans, makes it both economically and politically viable.

For this to happen within the proposed timeframe, the department must move immediately to gain approval for the key management and data administration positions within the proposed Information Systems Organization.