

0. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Description is to provide a general guideline to the structure of The Informetrica Model (TIM). The major piece of supporting documentation is the TIM Model Book, which should be used as a reference for the specifications of the model.

0.1 Evolution of The Informetrica Model

The Informetrica Model (TIM) is a lineal descendent of the CANDIDE family of models. The basic documentation of these models can be found in An Overview of CANDIDE Model 1.0^{0.1}; and CANDIDE Model 1.1^{0.2}. With the introduction of its National Forecast Service (NFS), Informetrica Limited used an increasingly modified version of CANDIDE 1.1. However, the enhanced requirements of the NFS and the complete revision of the basic data underlying the System of National Accounts made the development of a forecasting model specific to Informetrica a logical further step for the firm. The model was developed entirely by Informetrica Limited and its staff, with the first version released in 1979. The support of Statistics Canada and its staff with respect to the large and continuing data requirements is gratefully acknowledged. However, because the data, client needs and the Canadian institutional environment are continually evolving, the model is also developing. The extent of that development can be seen in the various releases of the Model Book, which documents the details of the model structure. The description of the model presented here can be considered an introduction to the model book. However, the latter document remains the key guide to the exact specifications of the model.