



Anticipated Benefits

- ▶ More efficient passport production systems and procedures, and more modern image management.
- ▶ Easier and faster access to the main database through a fully on-line environment.
- ▶ Increased border security through secure, controlled access to the database by other agencies.
- ▶ Increased document security through image and signature printing.
- ▶ A more challenging work environment through empowerment and the availability of information technology.

1995-96 Activities

In the summer of 1994, Treasury Board granted Preliminary Project Approval (PPA) for renewing the business process, including installing a renewed information technology infrastructure for currently-issued machine-readable travel documents. The work involved is in keeping with the guidelines defined in the *Blueprint for Renewing Government Services Using Information Technology*.

Phase III of the TEP will consist of the following:

- ▶ finalizing an implementation strategy, and documenting the individual plans and any revisions for Phase IV, including a summary plan to allow PWGSC to award a contract for Phase IV;
- ▶ finalizing the overall Functional Specification for OSCAR by developing specifications for "special cases"; e.g., refugee travel documents, official travel, certificates of identity;
- ▶ finalizing the definition of the architecture for OSCAR, including an equipment list;
- ▶ designing, developing and installing a BETA system in the Passport Office headquarters Alpha Test Centre;