

des principaux centres d'activité de la ville. On projette de relier les principaux quartiers de la ville, de même que les installations d'exposition, de congrès et de conférence, par des moyens de transport faisant appel à des techniques tant avancées que classiques.

Les pays, les organismes et les entreprises participants sont invités à réserver au plus tôt les locaux dont ils ont besoin. Ils sont également invités à offrir leur collaboration au Commissaire général de l'Exposition dès les premiers stades de la planification. Ainsi, l'orientation et l'envergure de leur participation joueront un rôle déterminant tant pour ce qui est de dégager les paramètres de l'Exposition que pour veiller à ce qu'elle reflète exactement la diversité et la richesse de leurs propres ressources.

CREATING NEW APPLICATIONS FOR TELIDON

In January 1982 the Canadian Minister of Communications, Francis Fox, announced a list of 52 projects which have qualified for assistance under the Government's TELIDON industry investment stimulation programme. These projects will form the heart of a network of TELIDON systems and data bases that will provide new information services to Canadians from many walks of life. Farmers and fishermen, industrialists and office-workers, students, bankers, doctors, tourists and consumers in general will benefit from TELIDON, not just on an experimental basis, but as an important, functional tool that will play a useful role in their daily lives.

Under the programme, the Department of Communications will provide 9.5 million dollars for the purchase of TELIDON terminals to be used in these projects. Project organizers have promised to more than match this investment in equipment, and will spend even more to hire and train the hundreds of Canadians who will administer these new services and create pages of information for the new TELIDON data base.

Industry investment stimulation was originally proposed by the Canadian videotex consultative committee as a means to encourage the development of a wide range of TELIDON services with their associated content. The organizations which applied under the programme demonstrated considerable imagination in their plans to develop content and applications of the technology. This was particularly true in the service industries. It is confidently expected that the new videotex services will generate many thousands of new jobs in the future. Moreover, the purchase of TELIDON terminals for this programme, and the sale of millions of dollars' worth of TELIDON equipment to private industry in Canada, the USA, Great Britain, West Germany, Australia and other countries, will lead to sufficient production in 1982 and 1983 to reduce the price of equipment significantly. Together with parallel development programmes aimed at micro chip versions of TELIDON terminals this should lead by conservative estimates to TELIDON decoder unit prices of about 300 dollars in 1984.

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