- One half-height internal 3.5-inch, 1.44 Mb, diskette drive
 - note: at least one microcomputer within a division or mission should be equipped with both the 5.25-inch, 1.2 Mbyte and the 3.5-inch, 1.44 Mbyte diskette drives
- One 25-pin parallel port definable as either LPT1: or LPT2:
- One RS-232 asynchronous communications port, definable as either COM1: or COM2:
- Enhanced AT style keyboard, 101-keys, QWERTY
 note: Units being purchased for EAITC sites in Canada must support Canadian French accent characters
- A minimum of two 16-bit and one 8-bit free expansion slots
- 16-bit VGA graphics adapter providing a minimum of 256 colors at 640 X 480 resolution, higher resolution preferred, i.e. 256 colors at 800 X 600
- 14-inch VGA color monitor, displaying up to 256 colours providing a minimum of 640 X 480 resolution, higher resolution preferred, i.e. 256 colors at 800 X 600, tilt/swivel base and must be compliant with local electrical power standards
- Power supply must provide for a minimum of 200-watt power output and must be compliant with local electrical power standards.

Laptops / Notebooks

The standard and supported configuration for laptops and notebook is an MS-DOS compatible microcomputer based on the Intel 80386 or the 80386SX microprocessor.

- BIOS must be fully compatible to the IBM AT BIOS such as the Phoenix, Award, AMI
- must run MS-DOS V3.3 and later versions of DOS, e.g. V4.01
- Clock speed of 16-MHz or faster
- Clock/calendar and set up information must be located in a battery backed-up EPROM
- Minimum of 2 Mb of Random Access Memory (RAM), extended, located and addressable on the motherboard
- Minimum of 40 Mb (20 Mb for Notebook) hard disk with an average seek time of 30 ms or less