

A wide variety of application software packages are available within an IDMS/CIDS/IBM/Amdahl environment.

- E. "Its technology can interface with the department's existing EDP investments."

Transmission of data from posts via TIDS or directly from micro computers is possible and feasible. A software product (CMS) is available from Digital Equipment Canada which provides interface between an IDMS database and VAX minicomputers.

- F. "It will be acceptable to and supported by the Treasury Board in terms of cost, risks and benefits."

The OCG representative has indicated that packaged alternatives are preferred over a custom build approach.

### 3.2 ARCS

#### 3.2.1 Original Criteria

ARCS, as is, was found to meet 74% of mandatory requirements and 90% of the other needs.

Please refer to Volume III, Schedule 4A and note the following observations.

#### **OPF Allocation**

ARCS has no existing facilities to support OPF allocations.

#### **Loans Payment Schedules**

ARCS allows users to create receivables, issue advances and record receipts against receivables. Data elements and processes to provide loan schedules and full repayment needs are necessary enhancements.