

An urban transit system is already under construction in Algiers. Studies are underway to look at requirements in other large urban centres.

Telecommunications are currently problematic and likely to undergo massive modernization. Radio communication, airport and marine systems, and other telecommunication information systems can be expected to receive strong governmental support.

Quality of product, speed of delivery, cost, availability of financing and willingness to provide related training programs are all important criteria in the award of supply contracts in Algeria. Competition is vigorous from European and Japanese suppliers.

The Hydrocarbon Sector

Algeria owns the world's third largest natural gas reserves. The country's hydrocarbon sector is a major source of foreign exchange and is a key element in the country's economic development. The sector is currently undergoing a period of rapid expansion, with new discoveries and production facilities being developed. The government is investing heavily in the sector, and is seeking to attract foreign investment. The sector is expected to continue to play a major role in the country's economy in the future.

Consumption

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