

**St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation**  
**FY-2001 5-Year IT Plan**

1. Executive Summary - The St. Lawrence Seaways major IT focus for FY 2001 is to begin the conversion process of our accounting systems to a Windows/Access environment.

2. Mission - The mission of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is to maintain and operate the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation in cooperation with the Canadian Seaway Authority as a safe, efficient, low-cost transportation artery and to help develop its full potential to realize the benefits derivable from full use of its facilities.

3. Major Accomplishments - Major accomplishments for fiscal year 1999 is the installation and configuration of the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) System, Data transfer procedures to transmit treasury data to FMS in Hyattsville, Maryland, ISO Certification for Software Management and configuration and installation of new routers in the Massena Offices.

4. Present Environment

A. Present environment consist of four local area networks that are linked together into one wide area network. The complete wide area network consist of 75 users. The network consist primarily of off-the-shelf software.

We have telecommunication capability that is used by the computer personnel in the event of problems during off-hours. Personnel that for medical reasons could not physically be in the office have also used this occasionally.

All application development is created in-house. Our major applications include payroll, inventory, and the vessel tracking system. Our Washington office supports a home page.

Primary computer use is word processing. Management Information Systems personnel consist of 2 programmers. Because we have such a small network, outside contracting is not needed. All development, troubleshooting and repairs are done in-house.

B. N/A

C. N/A

D. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation has no major IT systems.

E. The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is active in converting all accounting systems to a Windows environment. This is the only Non-Major IT initiative at this time.

5. Proposed Environment - No proposed environment changes scheduled for this year. Only maintenance and repairs to the current system will be performed.