

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2001 5-YEAR IRM PLAN**

Executive Summary

Surface Transportation Board (STB) is a three-member, bipartisan, decisionally independent, adjudicatory body organizationally housed within DOT which

- Seeks to facilitate commerce by providing an effective forum for efficient dispute resolution and facilitation of appropriate business transactions.
- Has rail oversight authority encompassing rate reasonableness, car service and interchange, mergers and line acquisitions, and line construction and abandonments.
- Has limited oversight responsibilities for the intercity bus industry and certain pipeline carriers; some rate regulatory authority over non-contiguous domestic water transportation, household goods carriers, and collectively determined motor rates; and continued authority to resolve motor carrier undercharge claims.

The Board places its primary automation emphasis on using its LAN effectively to facilitate communication within the Board and with the community by speeding the workflow between offices and by reducing the amount of paper exchanged. STB makes its rulings, press releases, publications, and other information on STB activities available to the public on the Internet.

STB plans no major acquisitions.

STB will continue to maintain the currently existing applications. There are no plans for developing major applications.

IT budget includes full salary and benefits for one Supervisory Computer Specialist and two Computer Specialists; consulting services; and charges for two leased T1 lines and monthly service fee. Facilities Management and System Support are provided by John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center.