



for the 27-network system. The system comprises a major network at the bank's Kyiv headquarters, plus local area networks at each of the bank's 26 regional offices.

The computers received by Ukraine are 80286-based, with additional Sidus 80386 and 80486 platforms and a variety of Canadian-sourced peripherals completing the order.

A joint Kyiv-based service organization, with technical knowledge and parts supplied by Sidus and staffed by the National Bank of Ukraine, is being set up to serve the system.

Sidus has previously won several multi-million dollar PC-based LAN contracts from both the public and private sector. Sidus customers include Environment Canada, the Bank of Canada, Spar Aerospace, the Toronto Stock Exchange and Bank Leumi Le-Israel Canada. The company is based in Thornhill, Ontario, a Toronto suburb, and has regional offices in Halifax, Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.



## AGRI-FOOD VENTURE IN UKRAINE

A joint undertaking by the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (AIC/CFA project) is giving Canadian farmers and agricultural specialists an opportunity to use their skills to help in the evolution of a market economy in Ukraine and Russia.

With funding from External Affairs and International Trade Canada, the two organizations will place fifty Canadian volunteers in the two countries over the next eighteen months.

The AIC/CFA project got off the ground in the fall of 1992, when representatives of the two organizations, Bill Uruski and Gerry Luciuk, participated in an investigative mission to Ukraine to find out how best Canadian farmers and

agriculturalists could help food production. Their findings revealed that although Ukraine is a major food producer, the country is having problems adapting to a market driven economy.

Ukraine farmers need urgent help in coping with these changes, and Canadian farmers and extension workers with farm management and marketing experience are needed to assist their Ukraine counterparts with making the adjustments. Project proposals have been submitted to the AIC/CFA project management committee and candidates are being sought for immediate placement.

Projects range from local farm placements with a Ukrainian dairy farm to help develop the herd, to market development of honey production, provision of agriculture support for a local farmers' union and extension workers affiliated with an agricultural institute. The emphasis is on increasing crop yield and productivity. In addition, Canadians with experience in the food processing and meat sector are also being sought.

The AIC/CFA Project Management Committee indicate that the project needs both farmers and professional specialists. Knowledge of Ukrainian and Russian would be an asset. Each volunteer assignment will last from two to six months.

While volunteers are expected to donate their time, travel, insurance and living costs will be covered. Volunteers are being cautioned that living conditions in Ukraine and Russia may not be what they are used to in Canada. Volunteers will participate in a 3-4 day orientation session in Ottawa, prior to leaving.

Further information on the project and application forms are available from: AIC/CFA Partners in Progress Agri-food Project Coordinator, 151 Slater Street, Suite 907, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H4. Telephone (613) 232-9459 or FAX (613) 594-5190.



## UKRAINE LAUNCHES DIPLOMATIC FUND

*Official Statement from the Government of Ukraine regarding a fund to assist in the development of Ukraine's Diplomatic Corps, Feb. 4, 1993.*

1. A Fund to assist in the development of the diplomatic corps of Ukraine (hereafter referred to as "the Fund") has been established to combine the resources of state financial organizations, businesses, community and other organizations, and individual citizens both within Ukraine as well as beyond her borders, for the establishment and development of a foreign service by Ukraine.
2. Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) assumes responsibility for the Fund. The MFA has opened accounts in banks in Ukraine in both local and foreign currencies in order to accumulate monies for the Fund.

If the need arises foreign accounts will also be opened in institutions authorized by Ukraine's MFA.

3. The financial resources of the Fund are created from income in the form of non-refundable contributions from businesses, community organizations, societies and communities of Ukrainians both within Ukraine and beyond her borders.
4. The first priority of the Fund is the fulfilment of the programs established for the growth the diplomatic corps of Ukraine.

After the accumulation of funds, but not later than in the first quarter of the following reporting period, the fund must annually present an estimate of