

# WHY USE

# **MARKET RESEARCH?**

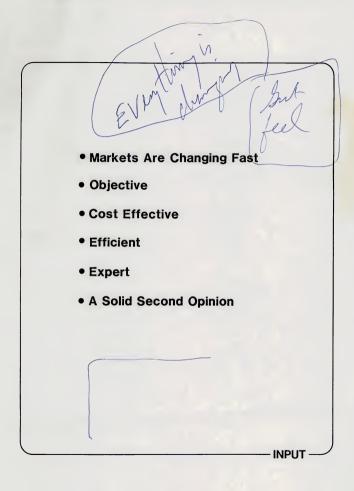


# **COMPUTERWORLD**

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- Changing Technologies Fuel Some, Derail Others
  - The Micro and Timesharing Services
  - Optical Memory and Magnetic Media
  - IBM PC AT and Multi-User Software Market



- User Needs Are Evolving
  - Telecommunications
  - Banking Services
  - FGLs
  - Videotex

- INPUT



- Competitive Environment in a State of Flux
  - Foreign Incursions
  - Recent Business Failures
  - Deregulation

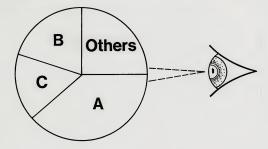


- User Needs Are Evolving
  - Voice
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Systems Integration

- INPUT



# YOUR PERCEPTION OF MARKET





# X's PERCEPTION OF MARKET Mine! Other **INPUT**



#### MARKET INFORMATION SOURCES

#### INTERNAL

- Employees
- Senior Management, Board Members
- Information Resource Centers



## **MARKET INFORMATION SOURCES**

#### **EXTERNAL**

- Newspapers, Magazines, Directories
- Product Brochures and Price Lists
- Specialized Financial Publications
- Trade Associations, Conferences
- Government Sources
- Research Firms
- "Friends" in the Industry





#### **OBJECTIVE**

- Market Research Firms:
  - No Stake in the Results Except Their Accuracy
  - Jobs, Careers, Divisions and Organizations Do Not Impact the Actual Research
  - Not Swayed by Office Politics
  - Specific and Reliable Competitive Information



#### **COST EFFECTIVE**

- Fixed Contract
- No Add-Ons
- Less than In-House
- Distribute Costs of Research over Large Base
- Greater Results in Less Time
- Pool of Expertise

- INPUT



#### **EFFICIENT**

- Professional Interviewers and Analysts
- Sole Purpose Effective Research
- Known and Trusted in Industry Track Record of Sound Research
- Organized to Get Reliable Information Fast
- No Impact on In-House Workload
- Information Delivered in Usable Form



#### **EXPERT**

- Bring Broad Perspective to Specific Questions
- Past Research into Present Expertise
- Analysis by Senior Experienced Consultants



#### **EXPERT**

- Draw from a Multitude of Research Projects Covering Entire Market
- Hundreds of Person-Years of Executive-Level Experience



# LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES FOR MARKET INFORMATION

- Attitude Varies Significantly
  - Skepticism
  - Reluctance
  - Mild Acceptance
  - Enthusiasm



# LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES FOR MARKET INFORMATION

- Budget Considerations
  - Treat as Investment
  - Extension of Internal Staff
  - Additional Justification



# **INPUT ANALYZES**

- Vertical Markets
- Cross-Industry Markets

- INPUT -



# INPUT FOCUS

- Market Forecasts 5 Years
- User Requirements
- Vendor Market Share
- Vendor Strategies
- Competitive Environment
- Recommendations for Action



# **INPUT SPECIALTIES**

- Software
  - -Systems
  - Applications



### **INPUT SPECIALTIES**

- Processing Services
- Professional Services
- Turnkey Systems
- Acquisitions and Mergers



# WE STUDY AND OFFER SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAMS FOR:

- Vendors of Information Services
- Users of Information Systems
- Customer Service Management (including Field Service and TPM)
- U.S. and European Markets



# YOU MAY BE IN A "ONE MISTAKE" BUSINESS INPUT -



# WE STUDY AND OFFER SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAMS FOR:

- Competition
  - In Depth
  - 4,500 Companies
  - U.S. and European
- Acquisition Analysis

