

ABOUT INPUT

Company Profile

Founded in 1974, INPUT has become a leading international planning services firm. Clients include over 200 of the world's largest and most technically advanced companies.

Through market research, technology forecasting, and competitive analysis, INPUT supports client management in making informed decisions. Continuing services are provided to users and vendors of computers, communications, office systems, and information services. Clients receive reports, presentations, access to data on which analyses are based, and continuous client support.

INPUT is a service company. Through advisory/research subscription services, multiclient studies, and proprietary consulting, INPUT serves clients' on-going planning information needs.

INPUT Planning Services

INPUT offers five continuous information services addressing U.S. markets and two programs covering Western European markets:

- **Market Analysis and Planning Service (MAPS)** provides up-to-date market analyses, five-year forecasts, trend analyses, and sound recommendations for action. MAPS is designed to satisfy planning and marketing requirements of information services vendors.
- **Company Analysis and Monitoring Service (CAMS)** is a comprehensive reference service covering more than 4,000 U.S. information services vendor organizations. CAMS is often used for competitive analysis and pre-screening of acquisition and joint venture candidates.
- **Information Systems Program (ISP)** is designed for executives of large information systems organizations and provides crucial information for planning, procurement, and management decision making. The program examines new service offerings, technological advances, user requirements for systems and services, MIS spending patterns, and more. ISP is widely used by both user and vendor organizations.
- **Customer Service Program (CSP)** provides senior customer service organization management with data and analysis needed for marketing, technical, financial, and organizational planning. The program pin-points user perceptions of service received, presents vendor-by-vendor service comparisons, and analyzes and forecasts the following markets:



- Large systems service.
 - Small systems service.
 - Telecommunications systems service.
 - Software maintenance.
 - Third-party maintenance.
- **Federal Information Systems and Services Program (FISSP)** presents highly specific information on federal procurement practices, identifies vendor opportunities, and provides guidance from INPUT's experienced Washington professionals to help clients maximize sales effectiveness in the government marketplace.
 - **Western European Customer Service Program** parallels the U.S. Customer Service Program, dealing with comparable issues in European markets.
 - **Western European Software and Services Planning Service (SSPS)** analyzes and forecasts information for European information services markets. Clients receive timely planning information through research-based studies, conferences, client meetings, and continuous client support.

Proprietary Services

The combination of INPUT's planning services and staff expertise provides clients with a uniquely qualified resource for custom research. These proprietary studies take two forms: **multiclient research services**, or in-depth analyses of common issues; and **custom consulting** for a single client. Some of the recent and more frequent topics are:

- Strategy planning and support.
- Product evaluation.
- New market identification.
- Distribution channels.
- Due diligence analysis and support.
- Customer attitude surveys.
- Acquisition research and support.
- Sales and marketing audits.

Clients also benefit from secondary research performed by INPUT for other programs and from INPUT's concentration on the information services industry in general.

Staff Profile

INPUT's professional staff have backgrounds in marketing, planning, information processing, and market research. Educational backgrounds include both technical and business specializations, and many INPUT staff hold advanced degrees.



Many of INPUT's professional staff have held executive positions in the following business sectors:

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| • Computer systems | • Processing services |
| • Software | • Professional services |
| • Turnkey systems | • Data processing |
| • Field service | • Network services |
| • (customer service) | • Communications |

About INPUT...

- More than 5,000 organizations, worldwide, have charted business directions based on INPUT's research and analysis.
- Many clients invest more than \$50,000 each year to receive INPUT's recommendations and planning information.
- INPUT conducts proprietary research, regularly, for some of the largest companies in the world.
- INPUT has developed and maintains one of the most complete information industry libraries in the world (access is granted to all INPUT clients).
- INPUT clients control an estimated 70% of the total information industry market.
- INPUT analyses and forecasts are founded upon years of practical experience, knowledge of historical industry performance, continual tracking of day-to-day industry events, knowledge of user and vendor plans, and business savvy.
- INPUT analysts accurately predicted the growth of the information services market—at a time when most research organizations deemed it a transient market. INPUT predicted the growth of the microcomputer market in 1980 and accurately forecasted its slowdown in 1984.

For More Information...

INPUT offers products and services that can improve productivity, and ultimately profit, in your firm. Please give us a call today. Our representatives will be happy to send you further information on our services or to arrange a formal presentation at your offices.

For details on delivery schedules, client service entitlement, or **Hotline support** simply call (415) 960-3990; our customer support group will be available to answer your questions.

