

# Developing Assessment Criteria

One Archivist's View

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# Electronic Records Archives

- NARA developing very large electronic records repository
  - Long term (End of the Republic +) Preservation and Access to Important Records of the US Federal Government
  - Requirements Beyond the Current State of the Art.
  - Need for Advanced Research
  - Requirements for ERA Developed Based on Advanced Research

# NCAST

- NARA's Leading Technology Organization for Advanced and Applied Research
  - Computer Science
  - Engineering
  - Archival Science
- Address Three Major Needs
  - Expand the Scope of Advanced Research
  - Bring New Technologies and Methods into NARA
  - Identify Needed Expertise and Help NARA Secure It

# Who defines the required assessment criteria?

- Legal Requirements
  - Federal Records Act
  - Presidential Records Act
  - Freedom of Information Act
- Designated Communities
  - President, Congress, Courts
  - Other Federal Agencies
  - The American Public
- Archival Principles

# How is a consensus reached on the required assessment criteria?

- National Coordination Office for Networking Information Technology Research and Development ([nitrd.gov](http://nitrd.gov))
  - NCAST Works in Concert with Other Federal Agencies
- Cooperation with Other National/State Archives and Professional Organizations
- NCAST Research Partners

Can an international standard form the basis for assessment criteria?

- I Hope So!

# Can an international standard form the basis for assessment criteria?

NARA has a Significant Investment in the Development of Standards/Standards in the Making

- ISO 14721 (OAIS Reference Model) (2002)
- DoD 5015.2
- Trustworthy Repositories Audit & Certification: Criteria and Checklist (TRAC) (2007)
- Audit And Certification Of Trustworthy Digital Repositories (Draft Recommended Practice 2009)

# Are assessment criteria dependent upon the organizing community?

- Common Set of Requirements
- Common Set of Principles
- Common Set of Concerns

Thank You!

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