

Senior Agency Official for Records Management 2016 Annual Report



The [OMB/NARA Managing Government Records Directive \(M-12-18\)](#) requires Senior Agency Officials for Records Management (SAORM) to provide an annual report to NARA. This report demonstrates how your organization is achieving the goals of the *Directive* and other important initiatives as identified by NARA.

NARA uses the reports to determine the overall progress of the Federal Government in meeting the goals of the *Directive*, including implementing proper email management and transitioning to electronic recordkeeping. Additionally, NARA uses the report for information sharing purposes to provide best practices and model solutions with Federal agencies.

The reporting period begins on January 9, 2017 and reports are due back to NARA no later than March 17, 2017.

NARA plans to post your 2016 SAORM report on the NARA website upon receipt. Please ensure that your agency's report is a publicly releasable version. This action is in the interest of transparency in Government and to promote collaboration and communication among agencies.

Instructions for Reporting

- This template covers progress through December 31, 2016.
- Please be brief and precise in your answers. Limit answers to each question to no more than 500 words.
- Please complete the questions/items below and send the report to PRMD@nara.gov. Include the words "SAORM annual report" in the subject line of the email.
- If you are responsible for records management in multiple agencies, components, or bureaus, please determine how you will submit reports to NARA. While NARA prefers a comprehensive report, you may submit separate reports for each component.

Provide the following information (required):

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1. What agencies, bureaus, components, or offices are covered by this report and your position as SAORM?

The United States Architectural Barriers and Compliance Board (United States Access Board (USAB))

2. Did your agency and components meet the M-12-18, target goal 1.2 to manage all email records in an electronic format by December 31, 2016? (M-12-18, Goal 1.2 and OMB Circular A-130 5(h), 3(b), page 19)

Yes

No

If No, please list and explain which part of your agency or components did not meet the deadline?

(Please note: Through a separate reporting request we will be asking your agency records officers to provide additional information regarding compliance with this target according to the email success criteria published by NARA in April 2016. [Criteria for Managing Email Records in Compliance with the Managing Government Records Directive \(M-12-18\)](#))

3. Did your agency and its components meet the M-12-18 target deadline to schedule all existing paper and non-electronic records by December 31, 2016? (M-12-18, Part I, Section 2.5)

Yes

No

If No, please list which part of your agency or components did not and why?

4. **Is your agency and its components making progress toward meeting the M-12-18 deadline to manage all permanent electronic records electronically? (M-12-18, Goal 1.1)**

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe this progress.

If No, please list which part of your agency or components did not and why?

- **Establishing formally approved electronic records policies:** We are documenting electronic records policies outlined in internal records management documents. Our file plan for electronic records is shared with staff and staff receive regular training and updates.
- **Use of automated systems for capturing electronic records:** We have a designated architecture for storing permanent electronic records on local servers. These servers are mirrored in the cloud through BridgeLogiQ. Descriptions of record material and guidance for storing electronic records on our servers are outlined in our internal Records Management handbook. Our records management team monitors our servers to ensure that staff are complying with our file plan.
- **Access and retrievability of electronic records:** Our RMA solutions allow us to filter files and emails by date and subject. The structure of our files on the server reflects our agency's business functions. Our intuitive hierarchy ensures that we can easily retrieve permanent records relating to a specific subject. Our filing conventions were established in collaboration with our General Counsel to ensure ease of use and compliance with potential FOIA requests.
- **Disposition practices for agency electronic records:** Our RMA schedules records for disposition actions according to the US Access Board's approved records schedule and NARA's General Records Schedule.

5. **Has your agency developed plans or taken actions to evaluate and implement the digitization of permanent records created in hard copy or other analog formats (e.g., microfiche, microfilm, analog video, analog audio)? (M-12-18 Goal 1.1)**

Yes

No

Please describe your specific plans or actions.

The Access Board does not plan to digitize older records because this would be cost-prohibitive.

- 6. Have you, as the SAORM, taken steps to include records management as a key component of your agency's information resources management strategy in accordance with the revised OMB Circular A-130, Managing Information as a Strategic Resource? (OMB A-130 5.h, page 19)**

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe what steps have been taken.