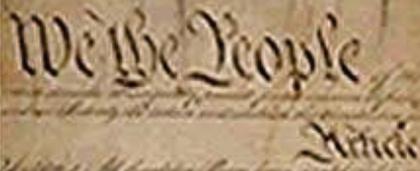


**NARA**

*...ready access to essential evidence...*



# Electronic Records Archives

***“Putting Records First”  
Addressing the Life Cycle Management and  
Preservation of Electronic Records***

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***Records Management Service Components Program  
Electronic Records Archives Program  
National Archives and Records Administration***



***Model Driven Architecture in the U.S. Government  
Object Management Group  
November 15, 2005***





## Purpose of Today's Session



- Examine several converging concepts and strategies:
  - increasing volume and complexity of electronic records
  - the U.S. Government's approach to designing its information and computing infrastructure
  - the lifecycle of records and their management
  - the provision of services through software components
  - records preservation through software and hardware independence
- Overview the Electronic Records Archives Program and the Records Management Service Components (RMSC) at the National Archives and Records Administration



## NARA's Mission



**“The National Archives ... is a public trust on which our democracy depends. It enables people to inspect for themselves the record of what government has done. It enables officials and agencies to review their actions and help citizens to hold them accountable. It ensures continuing access to essential evidence that documents:**

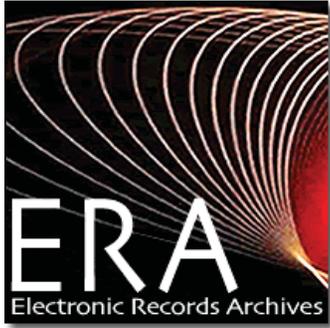
- the rights of American citizens**
- the actions of Federal officials**
- the national experience”**



## What is a Federal Record?



- **Empirically: an instrument or byproduct of an activity, retained because of relevance to continued activity.**
- **Formally: Recorded information made or received during the course of agency business or under law**
  - **Regardless of medium or physical characteristics**
  - **Kept because it**
    - **Provides evidence of organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of their creators, or**
    - **Contains valuable information**
      - **Derived from 44 U.S.C. 3301**



# What is an Electronic Record?

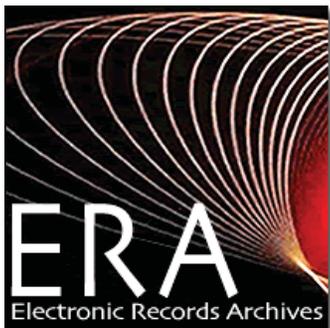


**A record in digital form, requiring the use of a computer for access**



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ZONE  1: PRI INFLOW
PICK ZONE
PICK I-PLANE
PICK J-PLANE
PICK K-PLANE
PICK VOLUME/SUBSET
DEFINE DISPLAY VOLUME
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      IS  IE  JS  JE  KS  KE
SUB   1   1   1  31   1  15
VOL   1   9   1  57   1  33
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# Dimensions of an Electronic Record



- Document
- Content
- Structure
- Presentation

AGENDA

Date	Time	Agenda Items
Thursday, December 5th	9:30-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Advisory Board introductions</li> <li>• Agenda overview</li> </ul>
	11:30-12:00	• Lunch
	12:30-14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the project structural framework, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Declines and level of detail for integrated cross-domain, cross-focus models for electronic records creation, management, appraisal, and long-term preservation and access</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	14:00-14:30	• Lunch
	14:30-15:00	• Continuation of structural framework discussion
Friday, December 6th	9:30-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the latest version of the milestones document and its implications, relating it to the framework</li> </ul>
	12:30-14:00	• Lunch
	14:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of InterPARES 2 activities in prioritizing of proposed preservation methods from sources outside of the project</li> <li>• Review of modeling software analysis and report</li> <li>• Discussion of data models</li> </ul>
Saturday, December 7th	9:30-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and possible approval of new case study proposals</li> <li>• Review of ongoing case studies</li> </ul>
	12:30-14:00	• Lunch
	14:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the role of the Advisory Board and discussion of its activities</li> <li>• Acceptance of new members and review of team members</li> <li>• Administrative issues</li> </ul>

## • Record

- Provenance
  - Relationship to Creator
  - Relationship to Creating Activity
- Relationship to Other Records
  - Arrangement
  - Archival Bond

## • Digital Object

- Representation or encoding of data in binary form
- Logical Structure of encoded data
- Physical Inscription of the encoding on a medium of storage or transmission



## Electronic Records NARA's Challenges



- **Scope**                      The Entire Federal Government
- **Variety**                      Different Types of Records
- **Complexity**                Records in Different Formats
- **Volume**                      Enormous Amounts of Records
- **Obsolescence**            Constantly Changing Technology



# Anticipated Incoming Permanent Electronic Records within the next 15 years



Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2018	2022
<u>Projected</u> Accumulated NARA Holdings in petabytes	3.6	5.5	7.8	10.6	14.1	19.0	25.8	35.8	131	347



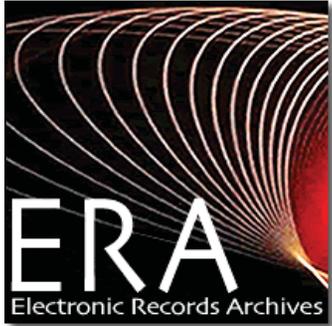
## How NARA Responded The ERA Vision



ERA will be a comprehensive, systematic, and dynamic means of

**preserving** and providing **continuing access**  
to **any type** of electronic record  
**free from dependence**  
on any specific hardware or software,  
**created anywhere** in the Federal Government.

# Finding Solutions: Research Partnerships



National  
Science  
Foundation



Global  
Grid  
Forum

San Diego  
Supercomputer  
Center



National Computational  
Science Alliance



The Library of Congress



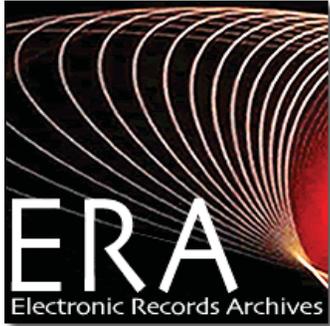
...and many other  
Federal Agencies and  
their Records Officers



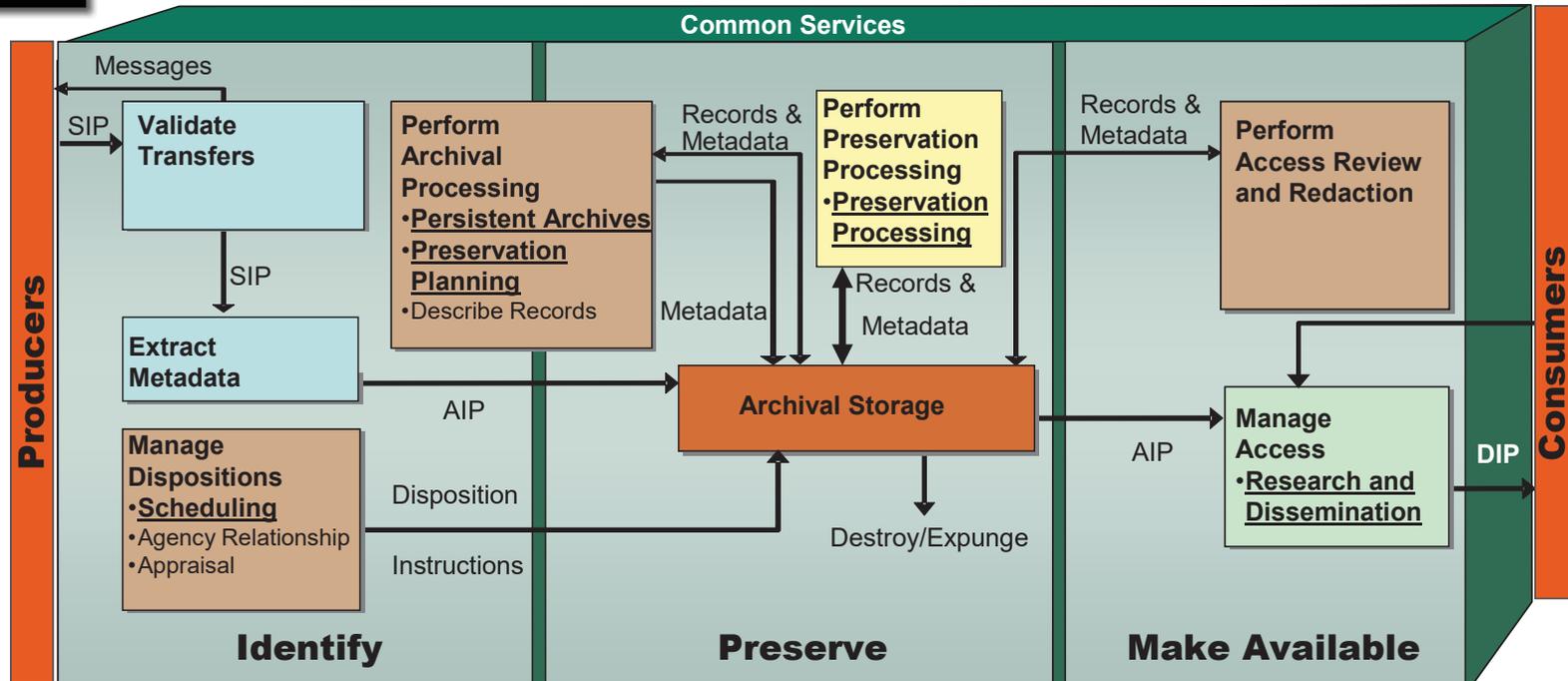
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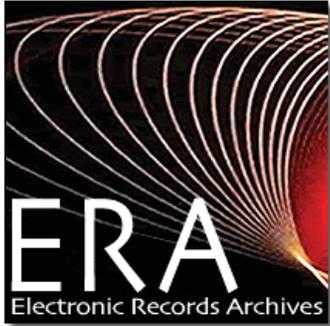
National Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure



# ERA Functional Overview



Legend:	OAIS Functions	ERA System-Level Packages	Service Oriented Architecture
	1 - Ingest	Ingest	Business Application Services
	2 - Archival Storage	Archival Storage	• Services
	3 - Data Management	Records Management	• Business Processes
	4 - Access	Dissemination	• Persistent Archives
	5 - Preservation	Preservation	
	6 - Common Services	Local Services & Control ERA Management	Common Infrastructure Services



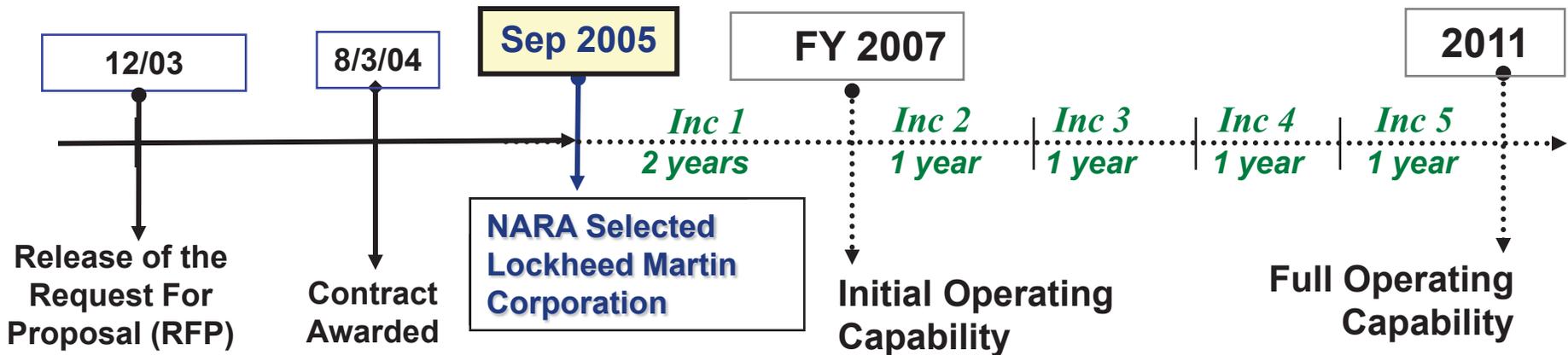
# The ERA Program: Where we are now



- 12/ 03 Release of the RFP
- 8/3/04 Awarded Two Design Contracts
- **9/8/05** **NARA Selects a Single Developer**

**2005 - 2011** Five Increments (Inc) w/ Multiple Releases:

- FY07 Initial Operating Capability
- 2011 Full Operating Capability

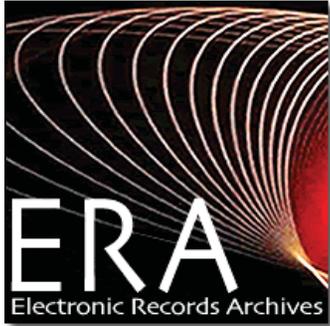




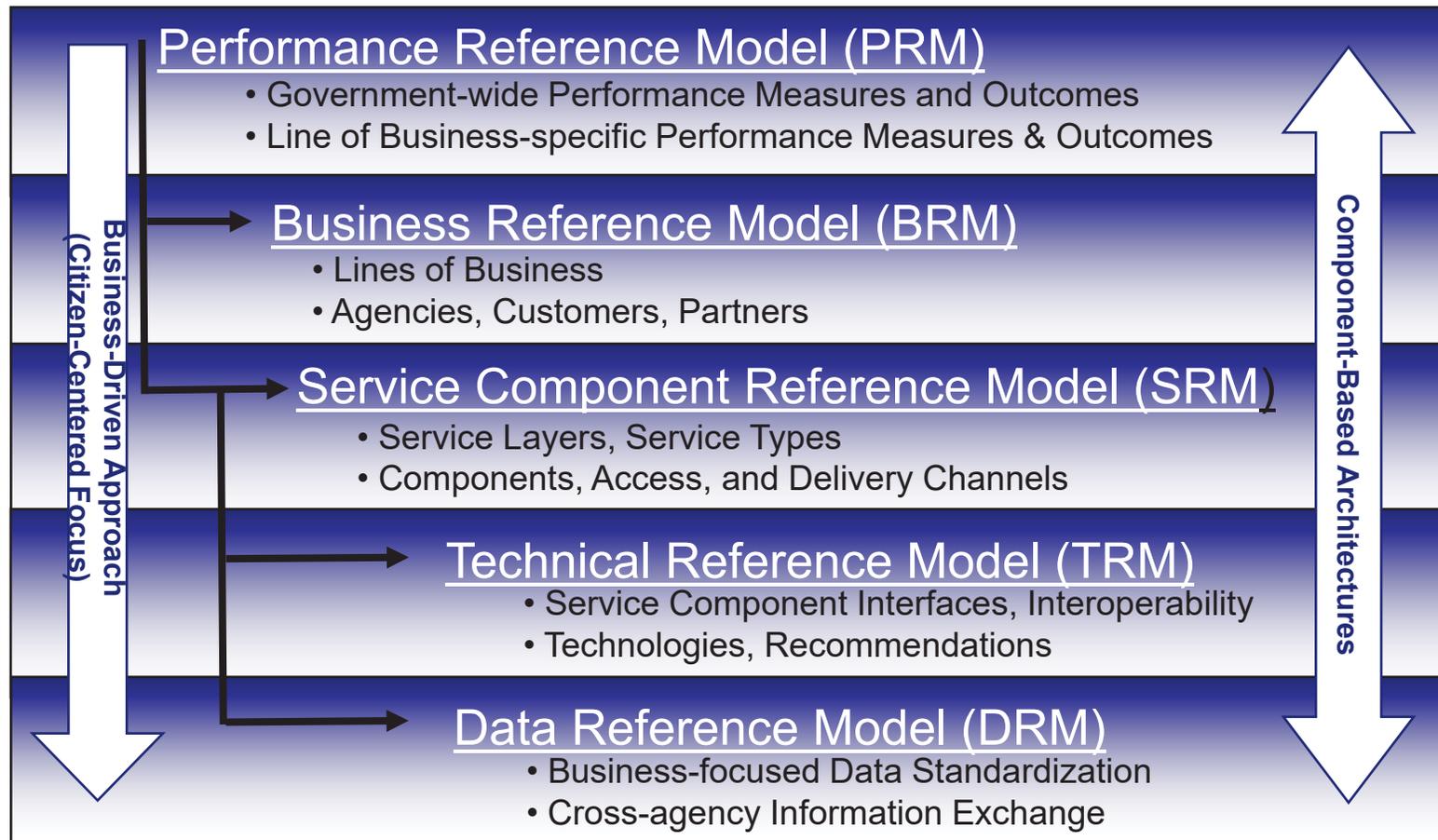
## Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA)



- A design framework and decision-making criteria for Federal information technology (IT) investment
- Describes the relationship between business functions and the technologies and information that supports them
- Funding preference is given to IT investments that promote re-use, save time and money, and improve quality
- Comprised of five (5) reference models



# Federal Enterprise Architecture Reference Models





## Component-Based Architecture



PRM

- Design of enterprise-wide IT solutions to business requirements through the use of modular service components.

BRM

SRM

- Services independent of applications and computing platforms

DRM

- Enables “swapping out” service layers and components, reuse of existing components, reduced duplication of effort

TRM



# Component-Based Architecture



PRM

BRM

SRM

DRM

TRM

## Service Component:

- a piece of software that provides a **service** or function within a computing environment, and is defined by the interfaces it has with entities around it.
- focus can be enterprise, project, or object level.
- inherently modular and portable
- designed to be useable by many applications requiring similar services



## Component-based Services

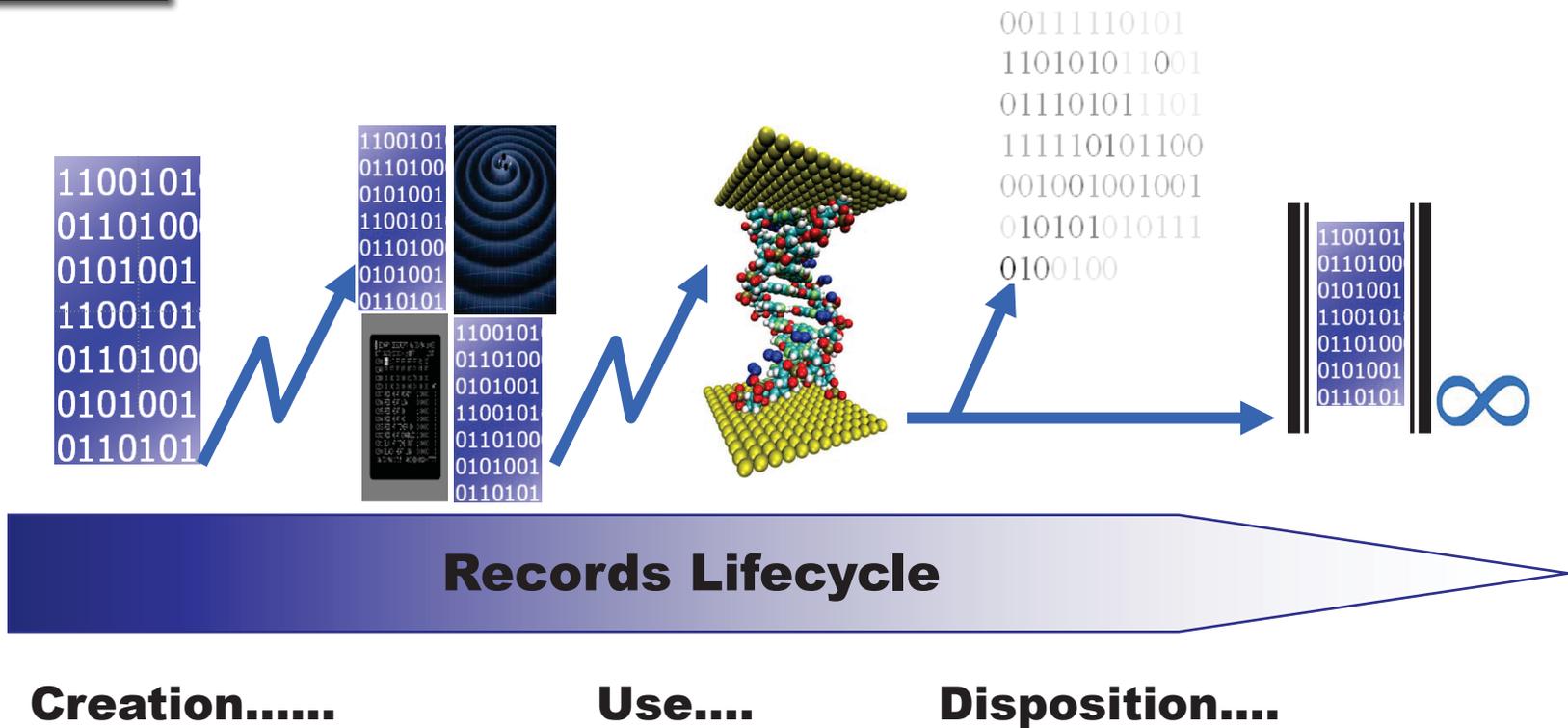


- Basic Operating System service components:
  - System clock and date
  - Cursor movement and functions
  - Display
  - Clipboard
  - Print
  - Keyboard
- Common requirements met through central services at point of creation



# The Records Lifecycle

*Federal Agency Viewpoint*



**Creation.....**

**Use....**

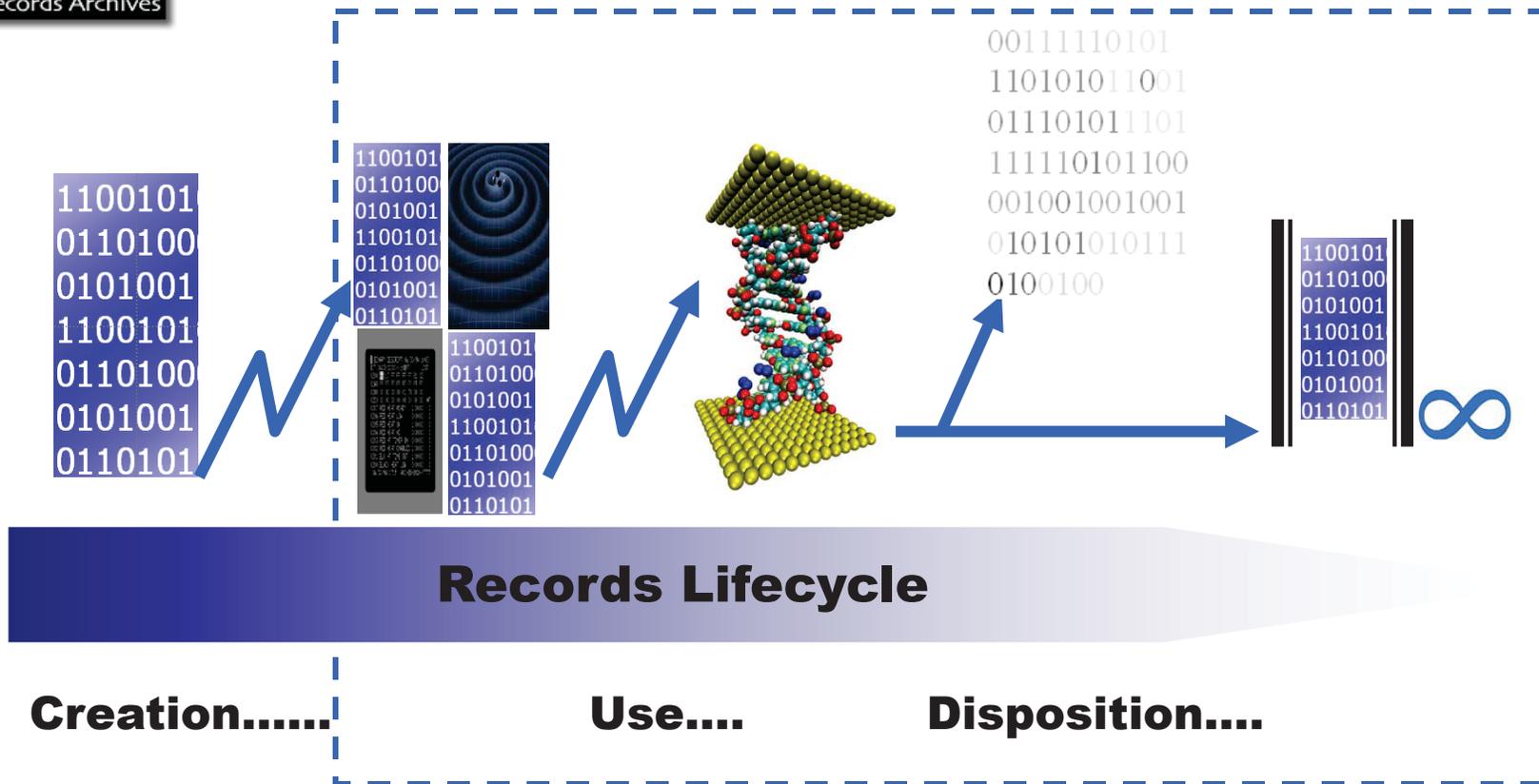
**Disposition....**

**Records Lifecycle**



# The Records Lifecycle

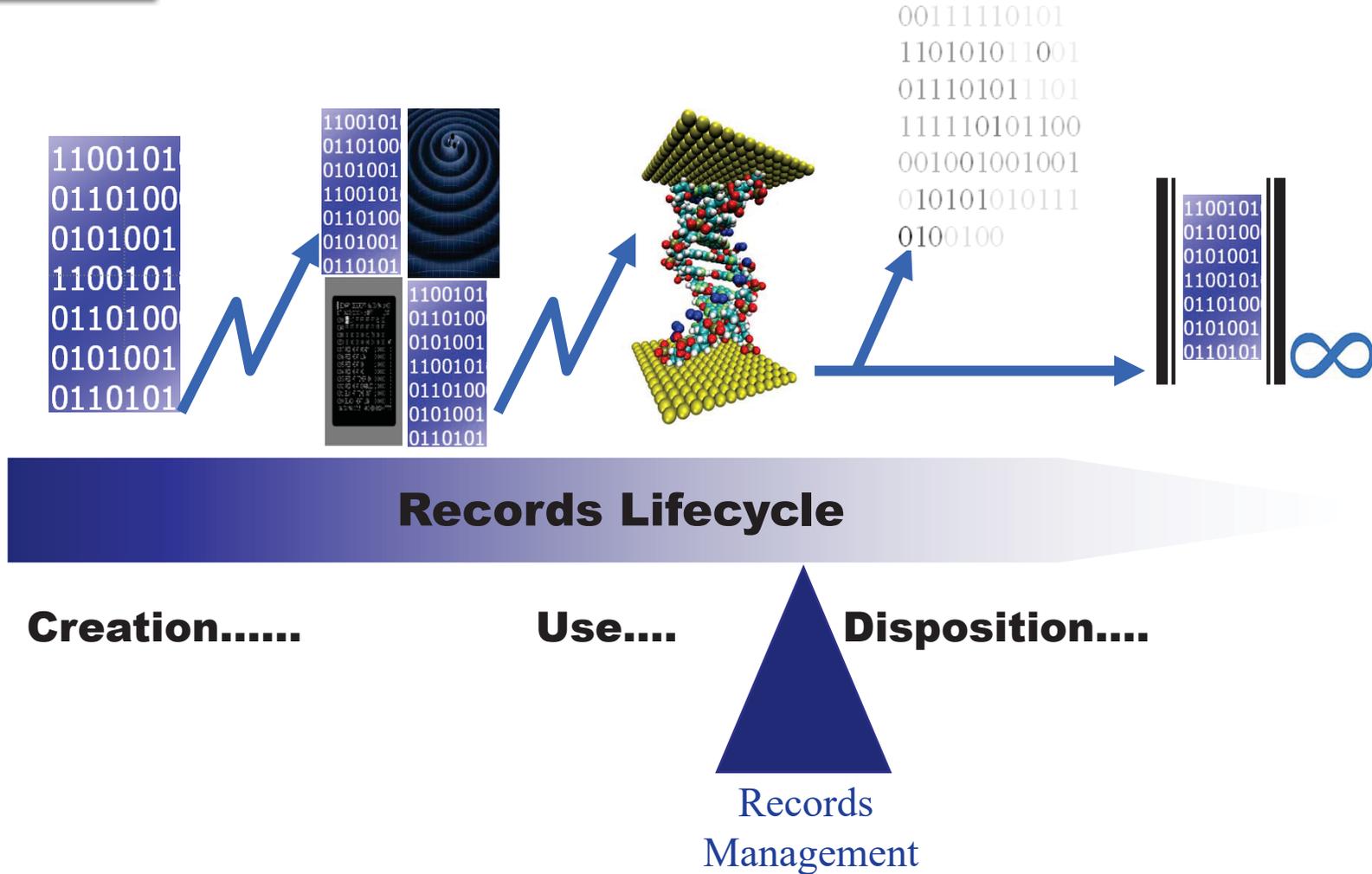
*NARA Viewpoint*



- schedule disposition
- transfer physical custody
- transfer legal custody

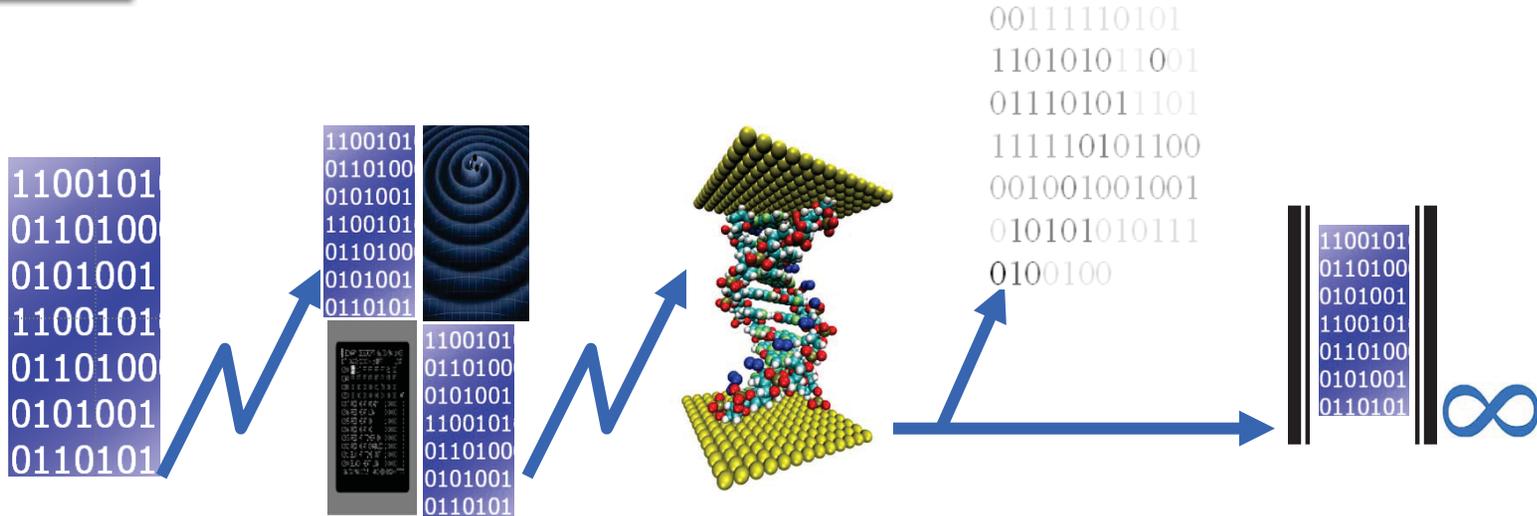


# Where Records Management (usually) comes in



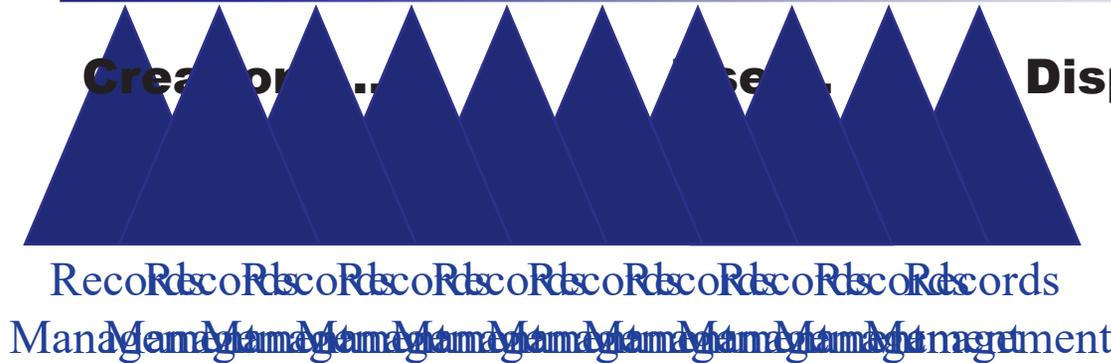


# Where we want Records Management to come in...



## Records Lifecycle

Creation... **Disposition....**





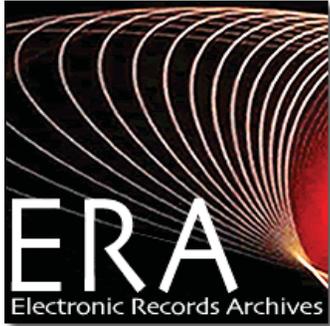
## Making the Transition to Tomorrow



- **Records Management Service Components (RMSC)**

- **What is an RMSC?**

A records management service component is a piece of software that provides services that support the creation, management, transfer, and destruction of electronic records within a computing environment.



## Making the Transition to Tomorrow



- **Records Management Service Components (RMSC)**
  - Front end of the business process
  - FEA and ERA compatible
  - Works with front end RMAs at agencies
  - Captures context of creation and relationship to other records at the point of creation
  - Information about the record is carried forward through the lifecycle
  - Establishes a baseline against which authenticity can be validated over time



## RMSC Requirements Development Project



- **Collaboration**

- 18 cabinet agencies, two universities, nine IT vendors
- 11 NARA subject matter experts representing four offices
- Use state-of-the-art collaborative technology
- Offsite meetings led by experienced facilitators

- **Objectives**

- Collect, prioritize, and document functional requirements for core records management activities that can be supported by software service components
- Identify related attributes, metadata definitions, and constraints
- Document the workshops output in session reports
- Make the results available to wider audience



## RMSC Participating Agencies



- 18 agencies attended four sessions this spring





## RMSC Participating Experts



- Over 30 experts in records management, enterprise architecture, e-Government, Privacy Act, FOIA
  - Departmental Records Officers
  - Deputy Chief Information Officers
  - Senior E-Government Architect
  - Chief, FOIA – Privacy Branch
  - Director, Policy and Planning
  - Division Chief, Directives & Records
  - Electronic Records Management Lead
  - Chief, Life Cycle Management Branch
  - Senior Records Analysts

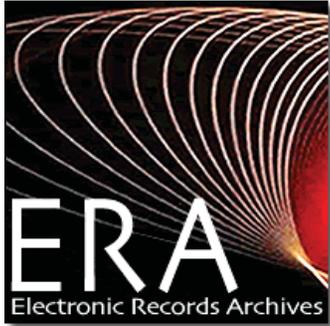


# RMSC

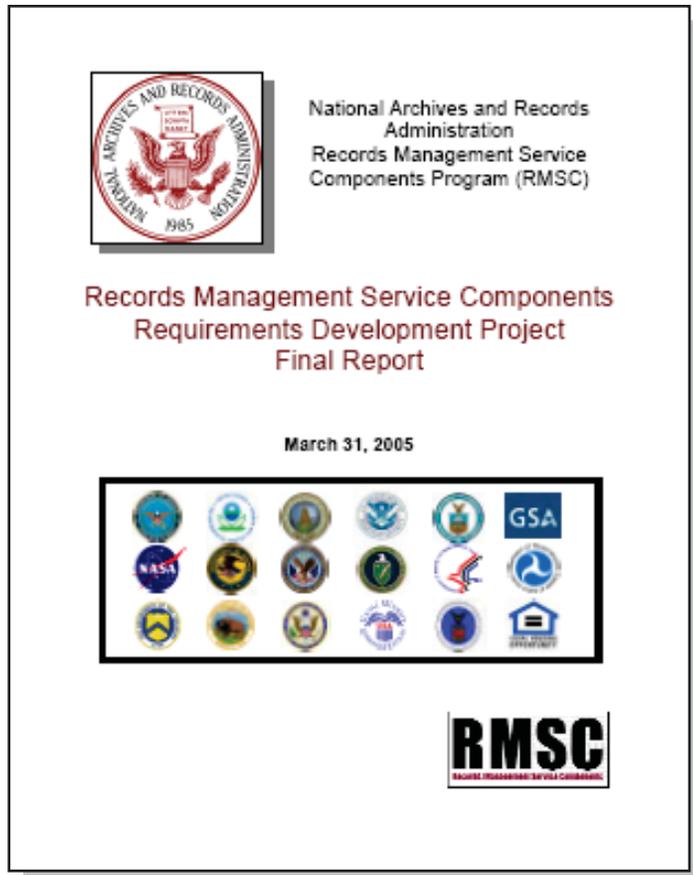
## Scope and Constraints



- **View Point**
  - Records Management Activities
- **Return on Investment Constraint**
  - RM activities used the most often
  - RM activities used by government employees/business processes
- **In Scope**
  - *From:* Receipt, Identification, Declaration of a record
  - *To:* Disposition of a record
- **Out of Scope**
  - Document creation (what makes up a document/record and how, who, and why it was created)
  - Security, privacy, etc.
  - Systems maintenance
  - How it is stored and what it is stored on – storage media
  - Format e.g. .doc, PDF, TIFF
  - System management backup and recovery

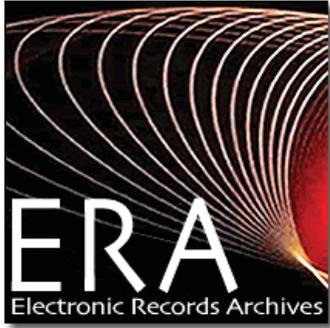


# RMSC - Results -



## Requirements Development Project Final Report March 31, 2005

- Identified & defined eight RMSC components
- 21 functional requirements
- 33 RMSC attributes
- Prioritized RMSCs for acquisition



## Making the Transition to Tomorrow Use Case Development



- May – June 2005
- Widely accepted technical engineering notation
- Bridge from business to developer communities
- Documents purpose, conditions, flows, attributes, and functional requirements
- Normalizes granularity of components



## RMSC - Results -



## Functional Requirements and Attributes for Records Management in a Component-Based Architecture Technical Report July 20, 2005

- 7 RMSCs
- 22 Use Case
- 101 Functional Requirements



# Making the Transition to Tomorrow



## RMSC Use Case Technical Report

- Seven components across the record life cycle

- Record Capture
- Provenance
- Archival Bond
- Authenticity

- Case File
- Disposition
- Reference

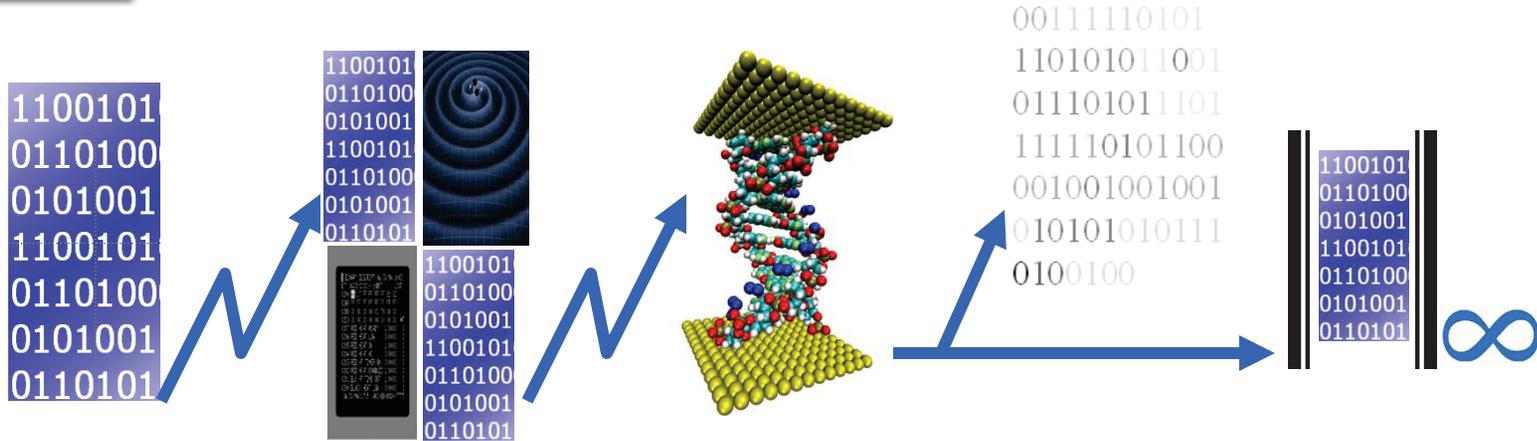
- DoD 5015.2 Standard
- Application
- Not a service
- Security class/declass



**Reliability** 



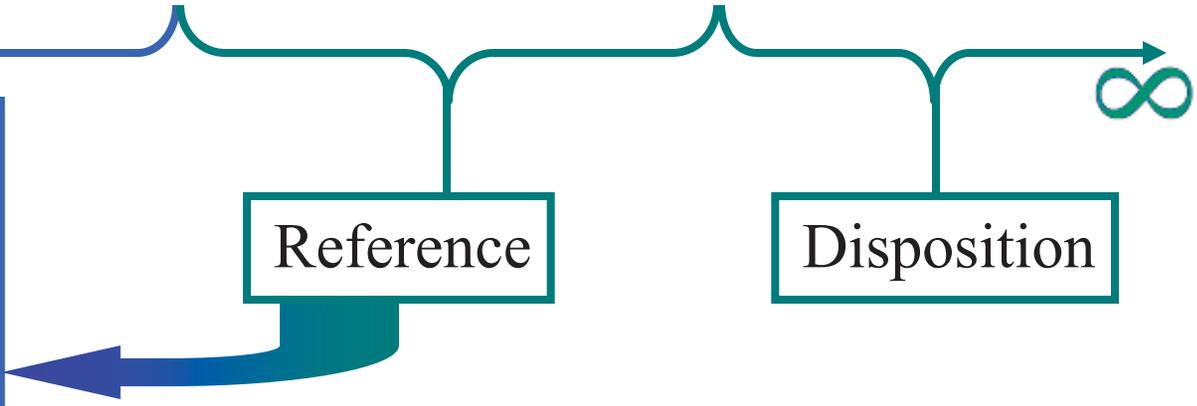
# RM Services and the Record Life Cycle

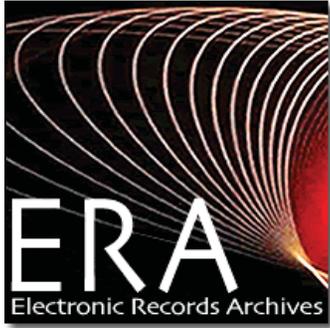


Record Capture  
Provenance  
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Case File

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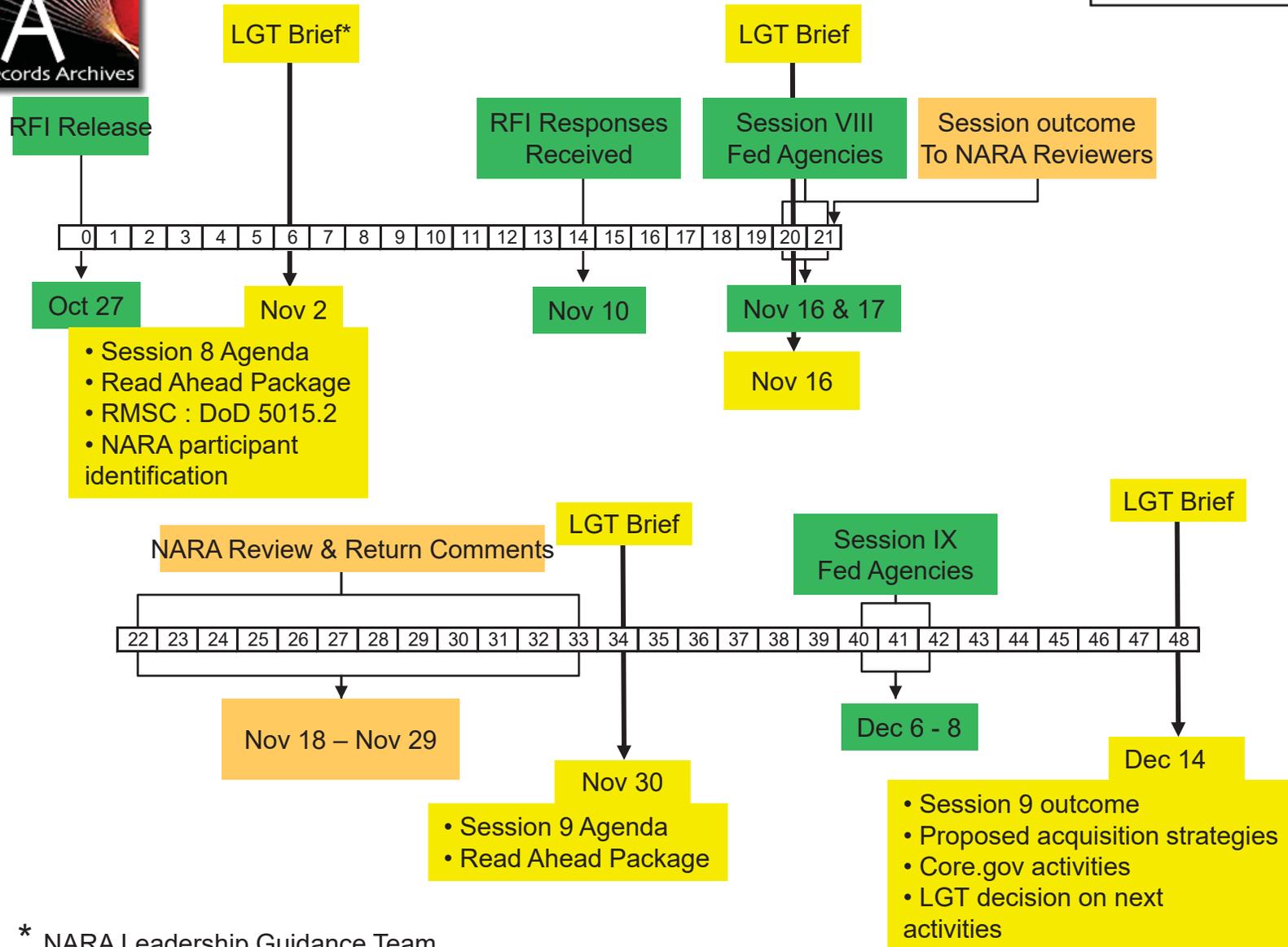
Disposition





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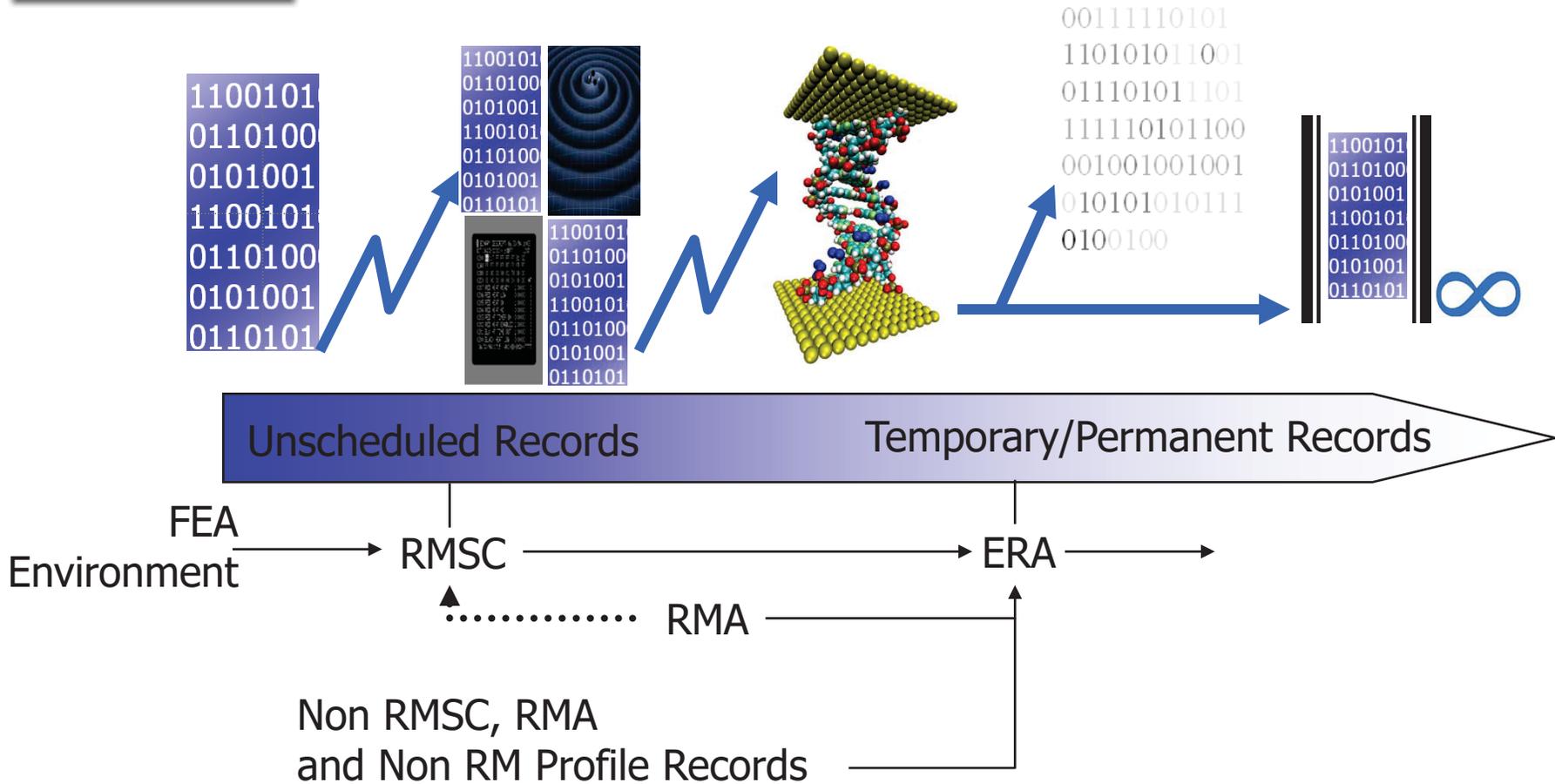
## RMSC Next Steps



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# the Big Picture





# Why is this important to you?



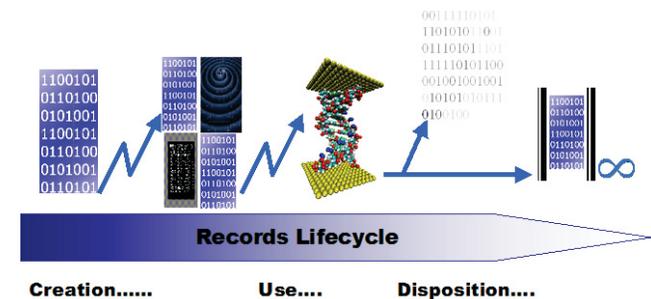
- All records are documents – not all documents are records – *Knowing the difference makes all the difference*
- Your “Stuff” can be scheduled and destroyed or transferred legally and legitimately
- Reduced electronic holdings;
  - Increases system efficiencies
  - Reduces system & disaster recovery time
  - Reduces media requirements (aerial density factor loss)
  - Supports regulatory and litigation activities



# Why is this important to you?



- Today, we are all records managers
- Applying RM provides efficiencies
- MDA can support the identification of RM
  - Identifies business transaction “evidence”
  - Identifies points of records creation
  - Identifies where, when and how RM can be applied within the architecture
  - Allows RM to be included in the solution



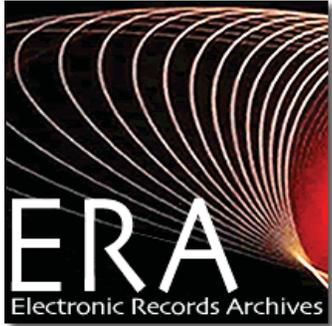


# Questions?



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## Definitions



Provenance – [1] Identifies the administrative entity within an agency directly responsible for the creation, use, and maintenance of the records. This identifies the legal custodian of the records consistent with 44 U.S.C. 3301. [2] The origin or source of something. Society of American Archivists (SSA), A Glossary of Archival and Records Terminology (Terminology).

Archival Bond – The interrelationships between a record and other records resulting from the same business activity, usually accomplished by associating the records to each other through a record category. The interrelationships between a record and other records resulting from the same activity. SSA Terminology

Reliability – A concept in archival theory whereby a person - or - a system at a predetermined point in the business process determines the evidence of the activities making up the transaction are complete and should be maintained and managed as a record. SSA Terminology. INTERPares, “Findings on the Preservation of Authentic Electronic records, “pp. 14-19; ISO 15489-2, 4.3.2.

Authenticity – [1] A condition that proves that a record is genuine based on its mode (i.e., method by which a record is communicated over space or time), form (i.e., format or media that a record has upon receipt), state of transmission (i.e., the primitiveness, completeness, and effectiveness of a record when it is initially set aside after being made or received), and manner of preservation and custody. Authenticated Record. DoD 5051.2 STD. [2] The quality of being genuine, not a counterfeit, and free from tampering, and is typically inferred from internal and external evidence, including its physical characteristics, structure, content, and context. SSA Terminology