



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE
ELECTRONIC RECORDS ARCHIVES
(ERA) PROGRAM
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- NARA's History, Mission, and Legal Contexts
- ERA Program History
- Electronic Records Challenges & Strategies
- ERA: Acquisition Strategies and Requirements
- The ERA Timeline: *IOC has arrived!*
- *A short demo of ERA*

**To ensure access to records of three branches of the U.S. Government.
Records that:**

- Protect citizen's rights
- Hold Government officials accountable
- Facilitate historical understanding of our national experience



NARA's Legal Contexts

- **The Federal Records Act**
 - All agencies of the U.S. Government
- **The Presidential Records Act**
 - The President and Vice President
 - Officials and organizations which advise them
- **Donated Materials**
 - The Congress
 - The Supreme Court
 - Private persons

















The ERA Research Prototype: Data Grid Technology



**Electronic Records Stacks
at Archives II**



**The *ERA Transcontinental
Persistent Archive Prototype (TPAP)*
-- or NARA's "Grid"**

Fundamental Requirements for The ERA System

1. Evolvability

2. Scalability

3. Extensibility

The ERA Requirements document is available online at:

<http://www.archives.gov/era/about/documentation.html#requirements>





















