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## NARA Opens Research Laboratory at Rocket Center

Holding such documents critical to American history as the original Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is a critical link to the country's past, present and future. And now, Information Manufacturing Corporation (IMC) has the honor of calling NARA its newest customer and partner.

### NARA Sets Up Shop at Rocket Center

In an unprecedented agreement with the Naval Sea Systems Command, NARA has established at the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ABL) a facility that includes a data center and research laboratory.

The research laboratory will support NARA's Electronic Records Archive (ERA) program, established to preserve electronic records created by federal government agencies.

### Good for West Virginia, Good for IMC

NARA selected ABL because of what it offers in terms of

security, but also because of the positive impact it will have on West Virginia, especially with colleges and universities.

"NARA established this lab to support collaborative research with universities and colleges in West Virginia," said Robert Chadduck, Director of Research for the ERA program. "We envision that the lab will serve as a computer resource related to government records and an educational resource to contributing colleges and universities."

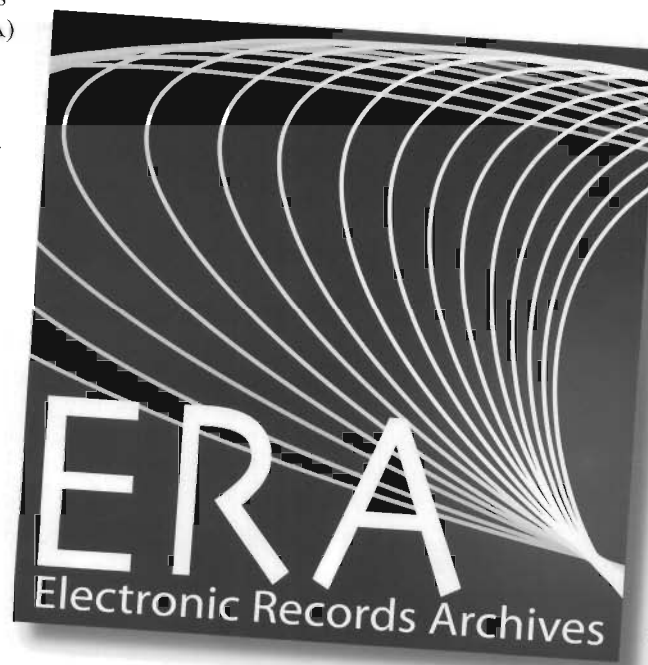
Robert has already established a relationship with West Virginia University, and other relationships are expected soon.

For IMC, NARA's presence at Rocket Center means a new and growing partnership.

### Laboratory Now Open

The first set of equipment for the research and development

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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Laura Wilburn: Accounting Manager

You know that stereotype that accountants are scholarly number crunchers who spend their days behind ledgers and their nights immersed in books? Well, Information Manufacturing Corporation's Accounting Manager, Laura Wilburn, is about to crush that stereotype — pulverize it is more like it — with a snowmobile.

"I love basically any outdoor activity," Laura said, describing her hobbies that include snowmobiling, riding all-terrain vehicles, playing volleyball and taking wilderness vacations. "I took two vacations to Canada to go snowmobiling with my husband." Of course, she has her accountant side, too.

A native of Midland, Md., Laura received a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Frostburg State University in 1992 and a master's degree in Business Administration from the same institution in 2000. She began her accounting career 15 years ago with a major medical optics company and went on to manage accounting functions at other large businesses in the region before joining Information Manufacturing Corporation (IMC) in January 2001.

"Ken Tressler had called me to see if I would be interested in coming to work for IMC," Laura explained. "I worked with Ken at a prior employer, and it was great to have the opportunity to work with him again. That, coupled with the advancement and growth potential, and the strategic plan of IMC, was what drew me to the company."

As IMC's Accounting Manager, Laura manages the entire accounting division and handles monthly financial statements, reporting and analysis, and also oversees development of the annual corporate budget. Among her professional goals, Laura said she wants to continue to challenge herself and be instrumental in IMC's growth.



Laura and her husband, Greg, have a daughter, Kayla, and two stepsons, Kenny and Andrew. A Samoyed dog named Fluffy rounds out the family.

In addition to her outdoor hobbies, Laura stays busy traveling with her kids to sporting events and other extracurricular activities.

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laboratory arrived on Oct. 11, and NARA has already conducted its first official business. "The boots are on the ground" is how Robert described it.

Initially, seven IMC employees will support NARA's operation.

## About NARA

NARA is the agency responsible for preserving United States' records and making sure that the information is accessible. Each day, in the course of business, the federal government generates thousands of records. Of those, NARA estimates that 1-3 percent "are so important for legal or historical reasons that they are kept by us forever."

## A New ERA

At one time, the federal government operated entirely on paper records. Now, of course, most business transactions are electronic. Those digital records, including military service records, Social Security data and information used to secure the country's borders, are vital, especially in times of crises.

NARA has been preserving electronic records, primarily databases, since the 1970s, but the pace at which electronic records are created is expected to exponentially grow in the coming years and decades. Over the last 10 years, NARA's electronic records holdings have grown 100 times faster than holdings of traditional paper records. The possibility of losing electronic records is a critical problem that the ERA will address.

NARA calls ERA "the archives of the future," a program that will authentically preserve any type of electronic record created by the federal government. The ultimate goal is to make that information accessible via the Web.



Information Manufacturing Corporation (IMC) is a growing force within the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM), the international authority on Enterprise Content Management. At the Sept. 14 monthly meeting for AIIM's National Capitol Charter (NCC-AIIM), IMC had representation from five employees, three of them past NCC-AIIM presidents. Pictured, from left, are: Arvind Krishna (past NCC-AIIM president), Jeff Lobb, Dave Noack (past NCC-AIIM president), Jack Frost (past NCC-AIIM president) and Ray Whitelock.