

State Government Digital Preservation Profiles

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Introduction

The state government digital preservation profiles available on this Web page are based on information collected from those state and territorial library, archives, and records management units that completed CTG's State Government Digital Information Preservation Survey. CTG administered the survey to all state and several territorial librarians, archivists, and records managers in early 2006. See baseline report for details.

The profiles are organized by state or territory and the library (**L**), archives (**A**), and records management (**RM**) units that were represented in the survey response. (For example, "**Alabama ARM**," which is the first responding unit in the drop down menu below, refers to the **archives and records management** units from Alabama in one survey response.) For some states, respondents also included agencies other than library, archives, and records management. These profiles are marked with an asterisk (*) and the other units that contributed to the survey response are specified in the profiles.

To select a different profile, click on the Introduction/Select Profile link located on the top left of the screen.

You can also view consolidated tables showing how all the state/territory responding units replied to selected questions in the survey. (This is also found in Appendix E of Preserving State Government Digital Information: A Baseline Report.)

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Section 1. Responding Unit(s)

Name of state or territory.

Delaware

Name and affiliation of individual(s) who responded on behalf of the state or territory.

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This profile includes information provided by the following units for this state:

- Archives

Section 2.1a. Setting Standards for EXECUTIVE Agencies

The following units have authority for setting standards, specified below, for digital information created or maintained by EXECUTIVE agencies. Multiple boxes are checked to reflect authority that is shared or delegated.

	Authority not assigned	Library has authority	Archives has authority	Records Management has authority	Others (See below)
Setting data management standards and or guidelines for information creation (e.g., metadata, file formats).			X		
Setting information technology standards and or guidelines for information creation (e.g., state approved software applications).			X		
Setting standards for information retention and disposal (e.g., retention periods and methods of disposal) for various series/types of digital records and publications.			X		

Other standards and the units with authority over setting them.

No information provided

Additional information.

Our authority to do this is in state statutes.

Section 2.1b. Services Provided to EXECUTIVE Agencies

The following units provide the services, specified below, to EXECUTIVE agencies. If services are provided by multiple units, the appropriate boxes are checked.

	Services not provided	Library provides services	Archives provides services	Records Management provides services	Others (See below)
Storage for digital information.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information creation.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information management.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information preservation.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information preservation.	X				
Preservation (e.g., migration, reformatting).	X				
Access (e.g., search engine).	X				
Certification (e.g., trustworthiness of system, backups sufficient).	X				

Other services provided and the units that provide them.

We do provide some limited preservation information, when asked but not enough or in such a way to be able to say we really do this. We do preservation migration and reformatting in a limited way, but only for our own holdings.

Additional information.

No information provided

Section 2.2a. Setting Standards for LEGISLATIVE Agencies

The following units have authority for setting standards, specified below, for digital information created or maintained by LEGISLATIVE agencies. Multiple boxes are checked to reflect authority that is shared or delegated.

	Authority not assigned	Library has authority	Archives has authority	Records Management has authority	Others (See below)
Setting data management standards and or guidelines for information creation (e.g., metadata, file formats).			X		
Setting information technology standards and or guidelines for information creation (e.g., state approved software applications).			X		
Setting standards for information retention and disposal (e.g., retention periods and methods of disposal) for various series/types of digital records and publications.			X		

Other standards and the units with authority over setting them.

We have authority by statute, however, Legislative Branch officially considers themselves exempt from all such. However, we do have a good working relationship with the staff.

Additional information.

No information provided

Section 2.2b. Providing Service to LEGISLATIVE Agencies

The following units provide the services, specified below, to LEGISLATIVE agencies. If services are provided by multiple units, the appropriate boxes are checked.

	Services not provided	Library provides services	Archives provides services	Records Management provides services	Others (See below)
Storage for digital information.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information creation.					
Consultation and training services on digital information management.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information preservation.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information preservation.	X				
Preservation (e.g., migration, reformatting).			X		
Access (e.g., search engine).	X				
Certification (e.g., trustworthiness of system, backups sufficient).	X				

Other services provided and the units that provide them.

Our special media archivist constantly consults with them about the floor sound recording activities, advises about equipment, software, vendors, supplies, etc.

Additional information.

No information provided

Section 2.3a. Setting Standards for JUDICIAL Agencies

The following units have authority for setting standards, specified below, for digital information created or maintained by JUDICIAL agencies. Multiple boxes are checked to reflect authority that is shared or delegated.

	Authority not assigned	Library has authority	Archives has authority	Records Management has authority	Others (See below)
Setting data management standards and or guidelines for information creation (e.g., metadata, file formats).					X
Setting information technology standards and or guidelines for information creation (e.g., state approved software applications).					X
Setting standards for information retention and disposal (e.g., retention periods and methods of disposal) for various series/types of digital records and publications.			X		

Other standards and the units with authority over setting them.

State Department of Technology and Information is the 'other' and our relationship is such that we have no real impact or even participation on the decisions they make.

Additional information.

No information provided

Section 2.3b. Providing Service to JUDICIAL Agencies

The following units provide the services, specified below, to LEGISLATIVE agencies. If services are provided by multiple units, the appropriate boxes are checked.

	Services not provided	Library provides services	Archives provides services	Records Management provides services	Others (See below)
Storage for digital information.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information creation.				X	
Consultation and training services on digital information management.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information preservation.	X				
Consultation and training services on digital information preservation.	X				
Preservation (e.g., migration, reformatting).			X		
Access (e.g., search engine).	X				
Certification (e.g., trustworthiness of system, backups sufficient).	X				

Other services provided and the units that provide them.

Our Records Management unit provides some consulting and training on digital but only from the records management not preservation viewpoint.

Additional information.

No information provided

Section 3. State Government Digital Information Preservation Activities

This section includes descriptions of past or current digital preservation activities in the state.

TITLE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INFORMATION PRESERVATION ACTIVITY:

No information provided

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

We have no program component for this activity and very little is done in this area, certainly no large projects undertaken or project documents have been created.

LINKS TO RELATED WEB SITES OR PROJECT DOCUMENTS:

No information provided

CONTACT FOR THIS ACTIVITY:

No information provided

Section 4. Training Needs for Digital Preservation Related Activities

Level of training needed for the digital preservation capabilities, specified below.

	Training already provided	Basic training needed	Advanced training needed
Identify the type and amount of digital information throughout the state.			X
Select and appraise state government information in digital form.			X
Identify key stakeholders related to specific digital information (other local/state agencies, other states, private sector, etc.).			X
Negotiate and make agreements with key stakeholders to preserve digital information.			X
Acquire state government information in digital form for holdings.			X
Manage state government information in digital form (metadata, reformatting, etc.).			X
Manage the ingest of digital information into a repository.		X	
Manage the long-term storage of digital information in a repository.		X	
Develop mechanisms to monitor the long-term usability of state government information in digital form.		X	
Make state government information in digital form accessible to users.			X
Produce a disaster and recovery planning for state government information in digital form.			X
Manage copyright, security, and other legal issues of relevance to state government digital information.			X
Other (See below).			

Other training needed for digital preservation capability.

We hope to be developing a program unit to deal more actively with all digital concerns. We have a new position in the budget for next year to assist with this and will be reassigning staff with various experiences from other units to the new unit for a more rounded, comprehensive program.

Additional information on existing training programs.

No information provided

Section 5. State Government Digital Information Currently At-Risk #1

This section includes examples of state government digital information that is at-risk of deteriorating or being altered or lost through format or technological obsolescence, policy or procedural gaps, or financial constraints.

DESCRIPTION OF AT-RISK STATE GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INFORMATION:

Deeds recorded electronically with no paper backup in recording offices.

CONDITIONS CAUSING INFORMATION TO BE AT-RISK:

No archival input into the design or long term maintenance of the electronic record.

STRATEGIES CONSIDERED TO PRESERVE AT-RISK STATE GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INFORMATION:

Need development.

DESCRIPTION OF AT-RISK STATE GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INFORMATION:

Serious concerns about the records of the Courts that are now being maintained in electronic systems.

CONDITIONS CAUSING INFORMATION TO BE AT-RISK:

Again, we have little or no input into the planning or implementation of these systems as well as no control of long term maintenance issues.

STRATEGIES CONSIDERED TO PRESERVE AT-RISK STATE GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INFORMATION:

No information provided

DESCRIPTION OF AT-RISK STATE GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INFORMATION:

Concern for policy records and reports being created in Executive level agencies in electronic form only: Annual reports, project reports, decision making documentation, etc.

CONDITIONS CAUSING INFORMATION TO BE AT-RISK:

We have little or no control and in many cases not even knowledge of what is going on in agencies about these issues.

STRATEGIES CONSIDERED TO PRESERVE AT-RISK STATE GOVERNMENT DIGITAL INFORMATION:

No information provided

Examples of government digital information that was not preserved and is no longer accessible.

We really have no way of knowing at this time, what has been lost because not sure what is still out there in the agencies. Just know it hasn't come to us.

Section 6. Enterprise Architecture

The following section describes the state's and corresponding units' awareness of and involvement in their state's Enterprise Architecture efforts.

Aware of state's Enterprise Architecture efforts.

No

Involved in state's Enterprise Architecture efforts.

No

Nature of involvement in the state's Enterprise Architecture efforts, if appropriate.

No information provided

Links to relevant documentation that describes the unit's involvement in the state's Enterprise Architecture efforts.

No information provided

Section 7. Additional Thoughts or Comments

No information provided