M-19-21 – Are you looking at the Forest or the Trees?

How to Use M-19-21 to Reshape Your Information Management Strategy



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	Yes No		
	Accountability of out-going senior officials records	90%	10%
SAORM Annual Reports - 2019	Identified all agency-operated records centers	66%	35%
	SAORM steps to comply with FRA and M-19-21	93%	7%
	All Temporary Records in E-Format	92%	8%
	All Permanent E-Records with Metadata by 12-31-2022	97%	3%
	Permanent Electronic Records in E- Format by 12-31-2019	68%	32%

If M-19-21 is a "box-checking" exercise to measure INTENT... ...Everything feels pretty good...



But how much is INTENTION and how much is REALITY?









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Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations





Why Are We Doing This?

...isn't M-19-21 REALLY about the "Forest?"

"Government in the 21st Century is fundamentally a services business, and *modern information technology* should be at the heart of the U.S. Government service delivery model."





What Does "Modern" Look Like?

A Starting Point – RMSA Self-Assessment



Overall, 49% of responding agencies are at "High" or "Medium" Electronic Records Readiness Risk.

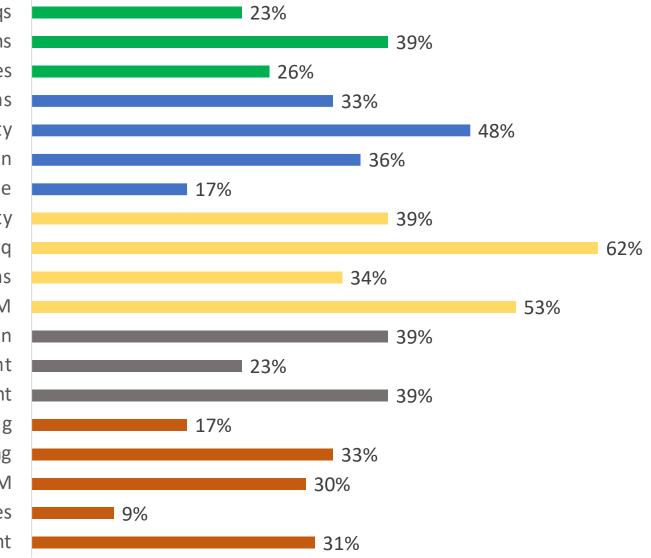


"These numbers, especially for electronic records, **need to be much higher** to achieve consistent and mature electronic records and email management."

Records Management Self-Assessment Domains



% Responding "High" or "Moderate" Risk



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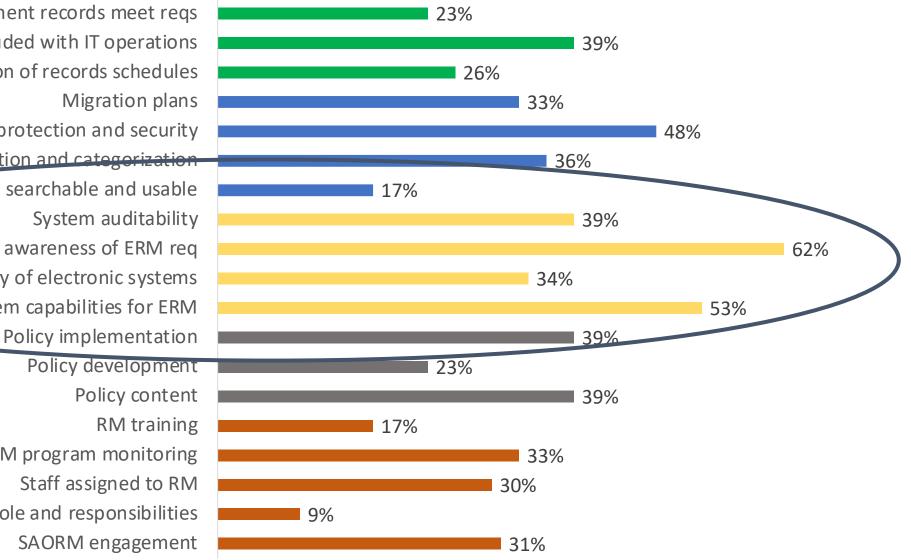
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2019 RMSA Self-Assessment

ELECTRONIC RECORDS SYSTEMS

- What is the level of integration of electronic records management into electronic information systems?
- The questions cover systems capabilities in relation to the records, inventory of electronic systems including the identification of permanent electronic records, awareness of records by systems owners, and auditing or tracking the use of records within systems.
- This is a critical area particularly for permanent electronic records and for the ability of agencies to capture and eventually transfer these records to the National Archives.
- It is also the area that needs the most attention and arguably the weakest of the five domains.



In the context of Electronic Records Systems What Does "Modern" Look Like?

1 -- You have adopted a disciplined approach to deploying *minimally viable solutions*.



2 -- You have outsourced backfile digitization to someone who is an expert.



3 -- You are actively applying intelligent capture and cognitive technologies to automate the ingestion of new information *at the point of creation*.



4 -- Your management focus is on optimizing platforms, not buying products.

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5 -- Records management is not a separate thing delegated deep in the organization, but an integrated element in your information management strategy.

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