

Office of the Federal Register

Moving Forward



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My Vision

- ▶ 4 Major goals:
 - Be Relevant
 - Be Dynamic
 - Be Exciting
 - Be Full of Vision
- ▶ 3 Overarching objectives:
 - Promote Democracy to the next generation
 - Increase public participation in the Federal rule making process (notice/comment)
 - Add new value to the American taxpayer with our data sets and publications (i.e.. Pan-American portal to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs)

Staff changes

- ▶ New Director of Information Services and Technology
 - Aaron Woo from NARA
 - Joined OFR July 2013
 - IT program manager for the OFR
- ▶ New Director of Publications and Services (Managing Editor)
 - John Martinez from New Mexico
 - Joined OFR June 2014
 - Managing Editor of all OFR publications (FR,CFR, etc...)

Highlights

- ▶ Re-organization of office
 - Created new Division
- ▶ Cross Training and rotations of staff
 - Increase promotion potential and create opportunities
- ▶ Business Process Re-engineering
 - Lean Six Sigma black belt to lean all publication processes
- ▶ 2 Federal Register Liaison Conferences
 - Developing better relationships & consistent training with agency partners
- ▶ US Govt Manual
 - Continued decline in print sales. Moving forward with online only
- ▶ Government Shutdown
 - Continued to publish FR during shutdown, no major problems
 - Staff of 12 published a daily Federal Register every day, reduced to 7 starting with 2nd week

IT highlights

- ▶ eCFR development
 - Build new point-in-time, XML eCFR system.
 - Vision document signed and staff have begun working on the statement of work (same look & feel as federalregister.gov site)
- ▶ eDOCS
 - Upgrade to a web-based system in a secure Cloud environment
 - Incorporate new features, increase digital (PKI) submissions
- ▶ FR 2.0
 - Redesign with headers and colors to distinguish official parts of the site.
 - Adding commenting API from regulations.gov.
- ▶ Virtual Regulatory Environment
 - NARA strat plan initiative with synchronization strategy between federalregister.gov and regulations.gov

Legal highlights

▶ ACFR NPRM

- Update ACFR regulations
- Will be the first chapter update since the early 70s

▶ Federal Register Modernization Act

- Bill (H.R. 4195) made it out of committee
- Hoping it will be heard on the House floor and get a full House vote any week now.

▶ IBR NPRM

- update IBR regulations (1 CFR part 51) to require agencies to include information regarding access to standards in the preambles of proposed and final rules
- Reviewing comments

Questions ?



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