

Questionnaire for E-Gov Presidential Initiative or Line of Business Standards Selection Process

Background:

Each E-Gov Presidential Initiative and Line of Business (LOB) requires the use of standards for deployment of innovative, web-based information technology (IT) services. Standards are required to ensure the necessary interoperability and security between government agencies, businesses, and citizens. Such standards are generally private sector, consensus-based standards. In cases where no suitable private sector standards are available, USG may develop and adopt government unique standards.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has recognized the need to identify and validate appropriate and effective standards for E-Gov applications to ensure that the most effective standards are used in E-Gov applications and has assigned this responsibility to NIST. The lack of uniform, effective standards can lead to problems in internet accessibility, data compatibility, as well as national security and personal privacy concerns. NIST has established this E-Gov validation process to address such concerns and to assist federal agencies in the selection of appropriate E-Gov standards.

Instructions:

Please complete the questionnaire in its entirety and forward to:

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1. Title of E-Gov Initiative or Line of Business:
eRulemaking Initiative

2. Initiative / LOB website:
www.Regulations.gov and www.fdms.gov

3. Name and contact information for responsible Project Manager:
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4. Name and contact information for questions regarding standards used in this initiative/LOB (if different from above):
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5. Describe the process that was undertaken to choose and/or develop the standards required to implement the objectives of the Initiative or LOB:

The workgroup responsible for the development of requirements and design of the initial release of the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) and the public side (Regulations.gov) consisted of federal wide participation by over 100 participants from 40 federal departments and agencies. This workgroup decided the scope of the application and its content. Terms and definitions relevant to the content of the application were discussed and standards were considered where appropriate.

6. When determining standards needs were consensus standards given first consideration? If not, why?

Yes, where they existed and were in common usage.

7. Describe the process used to ensure that input from all appropriate stakeholders, public and private, was considered?

Workgroup consensus was obtained on the application's content and data. Key stakeholders included the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) and agencies with existing electronic docket systems and active regulatory programs. Due to the dependency on FDMS receiving a daily feed from the *Federal Register*, OFR was an especially key stakeholder. These stakeholders actively participated in the development workgroup and continue to serve in the multi-tiered governance structure that supports the program.

8. Please list participating federal agencies involved in selecting or developing and implementing standards for the initiative/LOB:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Agency for International Development
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Trade Commission
- General Services Administration
- National Aeronautical Space Administration
- National Archives and Records Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Personnel Management
- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
- Small Business Administration
- Social Security Administration

9. Please list participating state or local governments agencies involved in developing and implementing standards for the initiative/LOB:

None

10. Please list participating private sector organizations involved in developing and implementing standards for the initiative/LOB:

None

11. Please list participating voluntary consensus standards bodies involved in developing and implementing standards for the initiative/LOB:

None

12. Please provide a list of standards relevant to the development and implementation of the initiative/LOB. (Please include the standard's designation, full name, date, and if available, the URL to the standard)

The most relevant applicable standard for content commonly collected and found in FDMS/Regulations.gov is the Contact Information Standard. One source for a consistent standard for contact information can be found at: www.epa.gov/edr. Select data standards and click on Contact Standard under the heading Final data standards.