Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 - 2022

NARA holds over 5 million cubic feet (equivalent to 12.5 billion pages) of permanently valuable archival Federal and Presidential records in traditional (analog) formats, and 795 terabytes of electronic archival records. NARA provides access to archival records at public research rooms located across the country, through the online National Archives Catalog, and in response to written correspondence, email, and telephone requests. NARA engages the public with archival records through our website, archives.gov, educational and public programs, and museum exhibits at the National Archives Museum in Washington, DC and thirteen Presidential Libraries. NARA holds over 700,000 artifacts, primarily Presidential materials, which add context and support understanding of the events documented in NARA’s records.

NARA provides a variety of services to other Federal agencies. NARA stores and services nearly 28 million cubic feet of other agencies’ records, on a reimbursable basis, through the Federal Records Centers Program (FRCP). NARA helps other agencies meet their Federal records management responsibilities through regulations, policies, training, and oversight. NARA facilitates the regulatory process by providing public notice and soliciting public comments on proposed agency rulemakings through the Federal Register. NARA manages the declassification of historical, classified records and provides agencies with standardized processes to ensure their interests are identified and appropriately considered in the declassification process. NARA supports government-wide information policy by providing Federal agencies and industry with standards for protecting sensitive Government information and by supporting the effective administration of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) across the Executive Branch.

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National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Description:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is an independent agency established in 1934 to identify, protect, preserve, and make publicly available the historically valuable records of all three branches of the Federal government. NARA manages the Federal government’s archives, administers a system of Presidential Libraries, operates museums, conducts education and public programs, provides oversight of government-wide records management activities, and provides temporary storage of other agencies’ records on their behalf. NARA publishes the Federal Register and makes grants through the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. NARA provides for the appropriate declassification of classified national security information, mediating Freedom of Information Act disputes, and overseeing agency actions regarding classified and controlled, unclassified information.

Stakeholder(s):

NARA Organization:
NARA is organized around customer segments, which ensures that resources and management attention are focused on delivering coordinated and effective service to all stakeholders. NARA’s customer-focused organizations allow the agency to better engage its stakeholders, encourage their collaboration and participation, and respond to their needs expediently and efficiently. This structure eliminates duplication of processes and resources, creates a more flexible and agile organization, and promotes shared accountability for the performance of the agency as a whole.

Archivist of the United States:
The Archivist of the United States is vested with broad authority to store and protect the records in NARA’s custody and oversee the management of records in the custody of other Federal agencies. The Archivist is appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate and is supported by the Deputy Archivist, who is the agency’s senior career official.

Deputy Archivist

NARA Chief of Staff:
The Chief of Staff provides administrative support to the Archivist and Deputy Archivist, leads NARA internal and external communications programs, and champions innovations to improve the customer experience for internal and external customers.

Office of Innovation:
The Office of Innovation plans, directs, and coordinates NARA’s Open Government efforts, the online public catalog, digitization strategy and partnerships efforts, and NARA’s web and social media presence.

National Historical Publications and Records Commission:
The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is an independent statutory body that provides grants to preserve and publish non-Federal records that document American history. The Archivist of the United States chairs the Commission.

NARA Chief Operating Officer:
The Chief Operating Officer provides leadership and direction to NARA’s customer-facing organizations:

NARA Agency Services:
Agency Services leads NARA efforts to meet the records management needs of Federal agencies and represents the public’s interest in the transparency of these records. Agency Services includes the Office of the Chief Records Officer of the United States, the Federal Records Centers Program, the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), the National Declassification Center, and the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS).

Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services:
Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services fulfills the records needs of the White House and Congress, researchers who make use of Presidential and Congressional records, and museum visitors, educators, and students.

NARA Research Services:
Research Services provides world-class service to researchers and citizens wanting to access the records of the National Archives and preserves archival holdings for the benefit of future generations.

Office of the Federal Register:
The Office of the Federal Register fulfills the Archivist’s responsibilities to publish the daily Federal Register, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Statutes-at-Large, and other statutory requirements.

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Vision
We will be known for cutting-edge access to extraordinary volumes of government information and unprecedented engagement to bring greater meaning to the American experience. We collaborate with other Federal agencies, the private sector, and the public to offer information — including records, data, and context — when, where, and how it is needed and transform the American public’s relationship with their government. We will lead the archival and information professions to ensure archives thrive in a digital world.

Mission
We drive openness, cultivate public participation, and strengthen our nation’s democracy through public access to high-value government records. Our mission is to provide public access to Federal Government records in our custody and control. Public access to government records strengthens democracy by allowing Americans to claim their rights of citizenship, hold their government accountable, and understand their history so they can participate more effectively in their government.

Values
- **Collaboration**: Create an open, inclusive work environment that is built on respect, communication, integrity, and collaborative team work.
- **Innovation**: Encourage creativity and invest in innovation to build our future.
- **Learning**: Pursue excellence through continuous learning and become smarter all the time about what we know and what we do in service to others. Our values reflect our shared aspirations that support and encourage our long-standing commitment to public service, openness and transparency, and the government records that we hold in trust.
1. Access

Make Access Happen

Make Access Happen affirms that "public access" is NARA’s core mission and is a higher calling that gives purpose and meaning to all our work. We are reaching beyond the traditional role of making records available for others to discover and we are instead making access happen by delivering increasing volumes of electronic records to the American public online, using flexible tools and accessible resources that promote public participation. In order to achieve success in this goal, NARA must digitize millions of records we hold in analog formats, keep pace with the continuous stream of new records we receive each year, and develop new ways to help citizens find our records through the online National Archives Catalog.

1.1. Discovery & Access

Process holdings to enable discovery and access by the public.

By FY 2021, 82 percent of NARA holdings will be processed to enable discovery and access by the public. Archival processing refers to those actions NARA must take in order to provide efficient access for research, including: performing basic holdings maintenance, describing the records in the National Archives Catalog, so that the public knows the records are available for research, and entering the records into NARA’s inventory control system, so that NARA staff can retrieve and serve those records when requested. NARA must accelerate archival processing in order to increase the total percent of records that are available for research, even as the total volume of records grows every year. Currently, 78 percent of NARA traditional (analog) records and 89 percent of electronic records are processed. Given the size of NARA’s holdings, this means a significant number of records have not been processed and are not available for public access. In addition, NARA receives about 100,000 cubic feet per year of new archival records in traditional (analog) formats. The volume of new electronic records transferred varies significantly from year-to-year, but is substantial.

Stakeholder(s):
Research Services
Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services
Information Services

Strategy 1.1.1. Procedures, Controls & Benchmarks

Fully deploy standardized processing procedures and internal controls, and benchmark performance.

Strategy 1.1.2. E-Records Archive

Develop new applications for processing electronic archival records in the modernized Electronic Records Archive 2.0 information system.

Strategy 1.1.3. Technologies

Explore cutting-edge technologies such as advanced search to automate processing of large volumes of electronic records.
1.2. Digitization & Catalog

*Digitize records and make them available online through the National Archives Catalog.*

By FY 2024, NARA will digitize 500 million pages of records and make them available online to the public through the National Archives Catalog. NARA has committed to digitize all of its traditional (analog) holdings and make them available to the public online. NARA holds approximately 12.5 billion pages of documents, photographs, films, and other records in analog formats, the majority of which are only accessible in-person, in public research rooms or through reproductions provided in response to specific customer requests. NARA must accelerate digitization processes and address technical limitations in the National Archives Catalog so that the public can access NARA records from any location. Today, NARA has nearly 235 million pages of records digitized, but only about 15 percent of those digital records are currently available to the public through the National Archives Catalog. Challenges with the technical solution behind the Catalog have limited NARA’s ability to add new digital files to the system.

**Stakeholder(s):**
- Research Services
- Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services
- Information Services
- Office of Innovation

**Strategy 1.2.1. Partnerships**

*Enter into new public-private digitization partnerships with new types of partners.*

**Strategy 1.2.2. Archival Units**

*Integrate digitization into the responsibilities of archival units nationwide.*

**Strategy 1.2.3. Equipment & Software**

*Acquire and provision digitization equipment and software across the enterprise.*

**Strategy 1.2.4. Scalability**

*Modernize the National Archives Catalog to address scalability issues.*

1.3. Finding Aids

*Provide finding aids for NARA holdings.*

By FY 2025, NARA will provide digital, next-generation finding aids to 95 percent of the holdings described in the National Archives Catalog. Finding aids are tools that help researchers find information in a specific record group, collection, or series of archival materials. NARA staff are adept at creating finding aids based on the physical location of analog records; however, NARA has struggled to apply these skills in an electronic environment. NARA must develop new products that help the public to research, explore, and discover digitized and electronic archival records.
Stakeholder(s):
Research Services
Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services
Information Services
Office of Innovation

Strategy 1.3.1. Design & User Experience
Build capabilities in design and user experience, to better understand user needs.

Strategy 1.3.2. Finding Aid Platforms
Pilot finding aids in different platforms to find the most effective delivery methods.

Strategy 1.3.3. Models & Governance
Develop models and governance processes to allow decentralized and ad-hoc preparation of next-generation finding aids.
2. Connection

Connect with Customers

Connect with Customers challenges us to continuously improve customer service, cultivate public participation, and generate new understanding of the importance of records in a democracy. We continuously engage with and learn from our customers: individuals, organizations, and other Federal agencies. We build long-term and strategic customer relationships to ensure our services are valued by our customers and we work together to improve overall efficiency and effectiveness.

2.1. Customer Requests

Fulfill customer requests promptly.

By FY 2020, 93 percent of customer requests will be ready within the promised time. NARA strives to provide consistent, reliable, and reputable service in order to increase customer engagement and encourage customers to see NARA as a trusted partner. NARA provides service to a variety of public and Federal agency customers, including responding to reference requests, furnishing items in public research rooms, providing veterans and their families with copies of military separation documents (DD-214), and responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from the public. NARA currently provides 93 percent of customer requests in the promised time as a weighted average across multiple services. However, NARA will be challenged to maintain this standard as the agency transitions to a fully-electronic environment. NARA is committed to maintaining its current high standards of customer service to maintain the trust and confidence of its customers.

Stakeholder(s):
Research Services
Agency Services
Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services
Office of General Counsel
Office of Innovation
Information Services

Strategy 2.1.1. Benchmarking & Revision

Benchmark and revise standards for efficient and timely responses to requests.

Strategy 2.1.2. Metrics

Develop and baseline new metrics that better address overall customer satisfaction.

Strategy 2.1.3. Requests & Correspondence

Migrate written correspondence and other off-site requests to an online solution.
2.2. Satisfaction

Achieve high satisfaction ratings from participants in public engagement activities.

By FY 2020, NARA will achieve a 90 percent satisfaction rating from participants in museum, outreach, educational, and public programming activities. NARA engages with the public through museum exhibits, educational and public programs, online tools and services, and by soliciting public participation in agency initiatives. NARA measures public satisfaction and participation levels to understand the breadth of agency engagement with its customers and the public. NARA consistently receives customer satisfaction ratings in the 90th percentile from museum visitors and participants in educational and public programs. NARA will be challenged to maintain high satisfaction ratings as it explores ways to coordinate engagement functions and activities across multiple delivery channels, including online.

Stakeholder(s):
Legislative Archives
Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services
Office of Innovation

Strategy 2.2.1. Crowd-Sourcing

Expand use of crowd-sourcing tools to improve public access and engagement.

Strategy 2.2.2. Outreach

Develop a national outreach program that promotes awareness of our holdings nationwide.

2.3. Enhancement

Enhance records by citizen contributions.

By FY 2025, NARA will have 1 million records enhanced by citizen contributions to the National Archives Catalog. NARA encourages the public to engage with their government and explore American history by contributing unique content to the online National Archives Catalog. NARA encourages members of the public to add “tags” and transcribe records to improve search results and to make handwritten or difficult-to-read text accessible for a wider audience.

Stakeholder(s):
Citizens
Office of Innovation

Strategy 2.3.1. Crowd-Sourcing

Expand use of crowd-sourcing tools to improve public access and engagement.

Strategy 2.3.2. Design & Experience

Build capabilities in design and user experience to better understand user needs.
2.4. E-Recordkeeping

Implement policies and processes to support fully electronic recordkeeping.

By FY 2020, NARA will have policies and processes in place to support Federal agencies' transition to fully electronic recordkeeping. NARA's success in meeting its strategic goals and objectives depends on the capability of its customer agencies to transform their programs and systems to support fully-electronic recordkeeping. NARA must enhance its support of Federal agency records management officials with effective policies, modern tools, and new services to support the transition to electronic records.

Stakeholder(s):
Agency Services
Information Services
Federal Agencies

Strategy 2.4.1. BPR

Conduct a business process reengineering to improve customer-facing functions of the Electronic Records Archive 2.0.

Strategy 2.4.2. Guidance & Criteria

Provide Federal agencies with digitization guidance and "success criteria" for managing electronic records.

Strategy 2.4.3. Requirements

Develop Federal records management requirements and work with Federal and commercial vendors to incorporate the requirements into software applications and cloud offerings.

Stakeholder(s):
Records Management Vendors
3. Value

Maximize NARA’s Value to the Nation

Maximize NARA’s Value to the Nation recognizes that public access to government information creates measurable economic value, which adds to the enduring cultural and historical value of our records. We are reforming and modernizing records management policies and practices across the Federal government to support the transition to digital government. NARA will drive public and commercial re-use of historical government data and records to create measurable economic activity.

3.1. Inspections

Ensure that Federal email and other permanent electronic records are being managed in an electronic format.

By FY 2019, NARA will conduct inspections of records management practices at 10 percent of Federal agencies per year, to ensure that Federal email and other permanent electronic records are being managed in an electronic format. NARA must provide its customer agencies with the policy, guidance, and training necessary to appropriately manage records in their custody. NARA must also provide its stakeholders with reasonable and independent assurance that those agencies are complying with relevant laws and regulations. NARA conducts on-site inspections of other agencies’ records management practices to help those agencies strengthen their recordkeeping programs and ensure that records are being managed appropriately. NARA conducts inspections according to established procedures, publishes findings and recommendations in written reports, and requires agencies to respond with corrective actions that are tracked through completion. NARA has conducted 18 inspections since 2011. NARA’s goal is to complete a total of 26 inspections in FY 2019.

Stakeholder(s):
Agency Services
Federal Agencies

Strategy 3.1.1. Compliance

Review compliance issues identified from completed inspections and revise baselines as needed for future inspections.

Strategy 3.1.2. Procedures

Develop procedures to evaluate Federal electronic records and recordkeeping systems.

Strategy 3.1.3. Inspection Unit

Stand-up a unit dedicated to inspecting agency electronic recordkeeping systems.

3.2. E-Records & Metadata

Accept records solely in electronic format and with appropriate metadata.

By December 31, 2022, NARA will, to the fullest extent possible, no longer accept transfers of permanent or temporary records in analog formats and will accept records only in electronic format and with appropriate metadata. NARA and most Federal agencies currently maintain separate policies, practices, and physical
infrastructures for managing records in traditional (analog) formats compared to electronic records. This structure is costly and complex, which increases the risk that permanently valuable records in either format may not be appropriately retained. NARA must take decisive action to transition Federal recordkeeping to a fully-electronic environment to promote efficiency, increase access to information, and allow NARA and Federal agencies to focus resources on meeting the challenges of managing electronic records. After December 31, 2022, NARA will no longer accept new transfers of analog records for storage by the Federal Records Centers Program (FRCP) to the fullest extent possible. NARA will continue to store and service all records received by the FRCP by that date until their scheduled disposition date. Once those records reach their disposition date, NARA will accept the permanent records into the National Archives in their original (analog) format. Beginning January 1, 2023, all other legal transfers of permanent records must be in electronic format, to the fullest extent possible, whether the records were "born electronic" or not. After that date, agencies will be required to digitize permanent records in analog formats before transfer to NARA.

Stakeholder(s):
Agency Services
Research Services
Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services
Office of Innovation

Strategy 3.2.1. Appraisal, Scheduling & Pre-Accessioning
Establish appraisal, scheduling, and pre-accessioning processes that reflect modern electronic records management.

Strategy 3.2.2. Training
Redesign records management training to assist agencies in building a records management workforce that is skilled in electronic records and data management.

Strategy 3.2.3. Policy
Establish clear policy on digitizing permanent records and the appropriate disposition of analog originals.

Strategy 3.2.4. Digitization & Storage
Work with agencies and the private sector to build capacity for mass digitization of analog records and transition storage of temporary analog records to the private sector.

3.3. Data
Foster usage of NARA’s data as primary sources.

By FY 2025, at least 15 external sources will be using NARA data sets from the National Archives Catalog as a primary source. NARA collaborates with stakeholders, the public, and private organizations to make historical records available to the public. NARA currently delivers large sets of records to the public through third-party websites, including Wikipedia, the Digital Public Library of America, and non-profit genealogy sites. NARA
must increase the number and variety of platforms and organizations that use NARA data sets to allow for deeper public engagement with the data and stimulate economic activity through the use and re-use of government information.

**Stakeholder(s):**
**Office of Innovation**

**Strategy 3.3.1. API**

*Enhance NARA’s Application Programming Interface (API) to improve public access to large datasets in the National Archives Catalog.*

**Strategy 3.3.2. Partnerships**

*Build new public-private partnerships that allow for a broader range of uses of NARA data sets.*

**Strategy 3.3.3. Information Use & Re-Use**

*Develop collaborative relationships with other cultural institutions to attract new private investment in web applications that use and re-use government information.*

**Stakeholder(s):**
**Cultural Institutions**
4. Future

Build our Future through Our People

Stakeholder(s)
NARA Employees

Build our Future through our People is our commitment to provide all our employees with learning and leadership opportunities necessary to successfully transition to a digital environment. We are dedicated to empowering our employees to engage in their work, innovating to improve our work processes and products, and becoming the next generation of leaders. We are building an inclusive, empowering workplace culture that connects employees with the agency mission. We are developing a diverse workforce with the skills necessary to fulfill our mission.

4.1. Leadership Development

Engage NARA employees in leadership development programs.

By FY 2020, 40 percent of NARA staff at all grade levels will have participated in a formal leadership development program activity to support the agency effort to build an agency of leaders. NARA must have a cadre of skilled leaders — in supervisory and non-supervisory positions — in order to effectively transition to a fully-electronic environment. NARA invests in leadership development activities to ensure the agency has a diverse pool of competent leaders with appropriate technical skills and experience. Currently, 32 percent of NARA employees have participated in a formal leadership development program activity in the past five years. NARA must expand and enhance its leadership development program to provide more opportunities for staff participation and development.

Stakeholder(s):
NARA Leaders

Strategy 4.1.1. Supervisor Development

Re-design NARA’s Supervisor Development Program and establish regular refresher training for all managers and supervisors.

Stakeholder(s):
NARA Managers
NARA Supervisors

Strategy 4.1.2. Cross-Training

Enhance NARA’s cross-training program to include more opportunities in leadership roles.

Strategy 4.1.3. Courses

Expand course offerings to provide more opportunities for staff at field locations.

Strategy 4.1.4. Standards & Metrics

Develop standards and metrics to evaluate program effectiveness.
4.2. Hiring

Fill NARA positions promptly.

By FY 2020, 85 percent of NARA positions will be filled within 80 days. NARA must have an effective hiring process in order to reach the best talent in a competitive market. NARA measures performance using the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) 80-day “time to hire” standard, beginning with the hiring manager’s initial request to fill a vacancy to the employee’s start date. NARA must have a highly-qualified, highly-motivated, and diverse workforce in order to achieve the agency’s strategic goals and objectives. Currently, approximately 53 percent of NARA positions are filled within 80 days. NARA must fill more positions within the 80-day standard in order to secure the best candidates and minimize the disruption of extended vacancies.

Stakeholder(s):
Job Applicants
Office of Human Capital

Strategy 4.2.1. Processes & Technology

Improve human capital business processes and make better use of technology.

Strategy 4.2.2. Realignment

Realign how the Office of Human Capital delivers services to internal customers.

Stakeholder(s):
Office of Human Capital
NARA Employees

Strategy 4.2.3. Training

Ensure managers and supporting Human Capital staff are appropriately trained.

Stakeholder(s):
NARA Managers
NARA Human Capital Staff

4.3. Career Paths

Provide career paths for NARA employees.

4.3 By FY 2020, 95 percent of NARA positions will have clear and achievable career paths for NARA employees. “Career pathing” at NARA is a structured process of analyzing organizational units to reduce managerial span-of-control, redesign core jobs to improve employee motivation and productivity, and ensure a fairer and more effective performance management system. NARA must have a motivated workforce that is organized into effective work units in order to achieve the agency’s mission and goals. NARA must address imbalances in the organizational structure, assignment of work, and performance management standards to better support employee motivation and engagement. NARA staff must see reasonable and achievable paths to rewarding and productive careers in order to engage in their work and build an inclusive workplace. To date, NARA has completed career pathing for approximately 36 percent of agency positions. NARA must establish transparent and meaningful career paths to ensure the agency has a motivated and diverse workforce with the skills necessary to fulfill the agency mission.
Stakeholder(s):
NARA Employees
Office of Human Capital
Office of Equal Employment Opportunity

Strategy 4.3.1. Empowerment
Redesign front-line positions to improve employee empowerment.
Stakeholder(s):
NARA Employees

Strategy 4.3.2. Supervisor-to-Employee Ratios
Assess and correct appropriate supervisor-to-employee ratios.

Strategy 4.3.3. Positions
Develop new positions in journey grades to increase analytical work and encourage technical subject matter expertise.

Strategy 4.3.4. Inclusiveness & Progression
Resolve additional barriers to career progression and build inclusive work units.

4.4. Career Development
Implement a career development program to support transition to electronic records.

By FY 2020, NARA will have a career development program in place to support NARA’s transition to electronic records. NARA must ensure employees are prepared to transition to a fully electronic environment and are prepared to support other agencies with new tools, guidance, and expertise. NARA must provide a robust career development program consisting of training and experiential learning that allows all employees to identify and plan for career growth opportunities and develop competencies. NARA must develop a diverse workforce that is appropriately trained and empowered to participate in an inclusive workplace, and able to effectively support the migration to a fully electronic environment.

Stakeholder(s):
Office of Human Capital

Strategy 4.4.1. Competencies & Requirements
Identify competencies and requirements to support career development.
Strategy 4.4.2. Transformation

Transform career development and job-skill training programs to meet the needs of electronic records.

Strategy 4.4.3. Cross-Training

Expand NARA’s cross-training program to offer more opportunities in a broader range of roles.

Strategy 4.4.4. Professional Competencies

Develop job-specific development programs to build professional competencies.
Transformation

*Transform NARA into a dynamic and modern agency.*

Transformational Outcomes — The NARA Transformation is a continuous process of reviewing and assessing the agency's operations, programs, and strategic direction in order to transform NARA into a dynamic and modern agency. Transformation requires us to regularly engage external organizations, peer institutions, and our customers, in order to drive innovation and demonstrate leadership in electronic records management, archival science, and efficient operations. Transformation requires us to foster a new organizational culture that is agile and responsive to change, accepts risk, rewards innovation, and seeks continuous improvement. NARA's Transformation is guided by six "transformational outcomes" that describe how we will fulfill our mission in a modern environment.

T1. Coordination
   *Work as one NARA.*
   One NARA — We will work as one NARA, not just as component parts.

T2. E-Records
   *Embrace the primacy of electronic information.*
   Out in Front — We will embrace the primacy of electronic information in all facets of our work and position NARA to lead accordingly.

T3. Culture
   *Foster a culture of leadership.*
   An Agency of Leaders — We will foster a culture of leadership, not just as a position but as the way we all conduct our work.

T4. Workplace
   *Transform NARA into a great place to work.*
   A Great Place to Work — We will transform NARA into a great place to work through trust and empowerment of all of our people, the agency's most vital resource.

   **Stakeholder(s):**
   NARA Employees

T5. Customer Focus
   *Create structures and processes to allow our staff to more effectively meet the needs of our customers.*
   A Customer-Focused Organization — We will create structures and processes to allow our staff to more effectively meet the needs of our customers.
T6. Openness & Learning

*Open our organizational boundaries to learn from others.*

An Open NARA — We will open our organizational boundaries to learn from others.

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