People at CTG

Alan Kowlowitz
Government Fellow

Specialty

- Electronic records management and preservation
- Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Information security management, policy and standards

Brief Bio

Retired from state service, Alan has brought his 32 years of experience with the New York State Archives and the Office for Technology (OFT) to CTG as a Government Fellow. Alan is applying his expertise and deep knowledge of NYS government and its critical challenges to identifying key themes across past projects, taking the lead on repackaging past reports, and researching related topics to help address emerging issues in digital government.

During his tenure at both the State Archives and OFT, Alan was involved with CTG projects in various capacities. While at the State Archives he co-authored and was principle State Archives participant in the Models for Action project. While at OFT he served on the Advisory Group for Gateways project and cooperated with CTG on many other e-Government initiatives.

Alan was on the staff of the State Archives between 1979-1999 where he helped establish and then manage that institution's electronic records program. While at the State Archives, he also assisted OFT in drafting New York State's Electronic Signatures and Records Act (ESRA). Between 2000-2004, Alan served on the OFT team that developed the ESRA regulations and guidelines and established the State's e-Government/e-Commerce Program. During his tenure with both the State Archives and OFT, Alan has had extensive experience working with local governments on electronic records and e-government issues.

From 2004-2010, Alan served in OFT's Security and Risk Management Office where he developed organizational security policies and standards covering areas from Identity and Access Management to wireless networks as well as overseeing the agency's Business Continuity Program. Alan served on the NYS CIO Council's Identity and Access Management Work Group, where he developed New York State's Identity Trust Model and Enterprise Identity Management (EIM) Governance Authority policy. Before leaving OFT, Alan completed a major project to revise the agency's security policies and standards to bring them into line with International Standard Organizations security standards. He is a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM).

Selected Publications

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Education

- Northern Illinois University, (PhD courses completed in 1979) (American History)
- MA, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (Sociology and History), 1976, State University of New York at Buffalo
- B.A., Political Science, 1972, State University of New York at Binghamton