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Sharon Dawes, Director of UAlbany's Center for Technology in Government, Named to National Archives' Advisory Committee

Albany, NY - The Center for Technology in Government (CTG) is pleased to announce that Dr. Sharon Dawes has been named to the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Advisory Committee on the Electronic Records Archives (ACERA). This high-level committee will advise and make recommendations to Archivist of the United States, Allen Winstein, on issues related to the development, implementation and use of the Electronic Records Archives (ERA) system.

The Center for Technology in Government is recognized as a leader in the field of digital government. Most recently, the Center received an \$800,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to work with the U.S. Library of Congress to develop strategies for states and territories to preserve state government digital information.

Dr. Kenneth Thibodeau, Director of the Electronic Archives Program, said "As we move forward to making the Electronic Records Archives a reality, it is more important than ever that we reach out to obtain advice from a broad spectrum of experts. The Advisory Committee will provide an ongoing structure for bringing together experts in computer science and information technology, archival science and records management, information science, the law, history, genealogy, and education."

NARA recently awarded a \$308-million contract to the Lockheed Martin Corporation to build the ERA system. According to NARA, the ERA system will be a comprehensive, systematic, and dynamic means for storing, preserving, and accessing virtually any kind of electronic record, free from dependence on any specific hardware or software. ERA, when operational, will make it easy for NARA customers to find the records they want and easy for the National Archives to deliver those records in formats suited to customer needs.

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