

PLANNED REVISIONS TO CIRCULAR NO. A-130

First Phase

- o IRM Planning - particular focus on the information life cycle.**
- o State and Local Governments - need for Federal agencies to consider effects of their information activities on these entities.**
- o Records Management - especially electronic records.**
- o Electronic Collection/Dissemination of Information - finding ways to use electronic techniques (particularly EDI) to reduce costs or provide better services.**
- o Information Dissemination Policy - responsibility of all agencies to disseminate information consistent with their missions. Includes discussion of information dissemination management, avoiding improperly restrictive practices, user fees, respective roles of public and private sectors.**

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Second Phase

- o Information Technology Management - strategic IRM planning and analysis of IT investments. To link management of information resources to achievement of organizational missions.**
- o Appendix I - Records About Individuals - updated to reflect recent Privacy Act legislation, including computer matching requirements.**
- o Appendix II - Cost Accounting, Cost Recovery and Interagency Sharing - to reflect changes from CFO Act and Budget Enforcement Act.**
- o Appendix III - Computer Security - to include requirements of Computer Security Act of 1987 and OMB Bulletin 90-08. Will include coordination with requirements of Circular No. A-123.**

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INFORMATION DISSEMINATION PRINCIPLES

- o Basic principles to guide agencies in carrying out their information dissemination responsibilities include:**
 - o Maximizing the usefulness of the information while minimizing the cost to the government and the public.**
 - o Disseminating information products equitably and on timely and equal terms. Includes avoiding unduly restrictive practices.**
 - o Taking advantage of all dissemination channels, Federal and nonfederal, including State and local governments, in discharging agency information dissemination responsibilities.**
 - o In order to carry out these principles, agencies must have an information dissemination management system.**

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AVOIDING IMPROPERLY RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES

- o Agencies must take care that their behavior does not inappropriately constrain public access to government information.**
- o Avoid establishing, or permitting others to establish, exclusive, restricted, or other distribution arrangements that interfere with timely and equitable availability of information products.**
- o Avoid establishing restrictions or regulations on use, resale or redissemination of Federal information products by the public.**
- o Set user charges at a level to recover the cost of dissemination but no higher. Don't include original collection or processing costs.**

Except:

- o Where statute requires otherwise;**
- o Where information is collected for benefit of specific groups;**
- o Where agency mission requires dissemination at less than cost.**

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INFORMATION DISSEMINATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

o In order to effectuate the information dissemination principles, agencies should have a management system to ensure routine performance of necessary functions. This will allow agencies to:

- o Create products which advance performance of agency functions;**
- o Consider whether products available from other sources are equivalent to an agency product and reasonably achieves the objectives;**
- o Consider access for persons with disabilities;**
- o Establish and maintain information inventories and finding aids;**
- o Ensure appropriate availability to depository libraries;**
- o Communicate with the public and provide adequate notice when initiating, substantially modifying, or terminating significant information products.**

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