



# The Information Management Program Transformation Initiative

The Treasury Board of Canada, Secretariat (TBS), in collaboration with Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) and Library and Archives of Canada (LAC), is leading the Information Management (IM) Program Transformation Initiative, an initiative to guide the creation of next-generation IM services for the Government of Canada.

## Background

The Government of Canada is an information-intensive organization. Information is the fuel that propels service delivery, and supports analysis, consultation, collaboration, and decision-making. The information the government collects and produces must be well managed so that it is able to be accountable to citizens, deliver quality programs and honour commitments to a clean environment, healthy living and a secure and safe place to live.

Key government priorities, such as service transformation and public service modernization, are causing the scope and objectives of IM to be re-examined. Information must not only be high quality, but traditional boundaries must be broken down to allow departments to work together. They need to align processes and systems to enable sharing and reuse of information and to allow seamless access to citizen centred services. Expectations are high that an effective IM infrastructure, comprised of policies, information standards, common processes and skilled people, will be in place to support these priorities.

The key objectives of the IM Program Transformation Initiative are:

- Responsible stewardship of government information assets
- Transparency of decisions and process
- Availability of reliable information to achieve program and service outcomes
- Compliance with information management policies and legislation

In its initial stages, the IM Program Transformation Initiative will focus on establishing a shared understanding of IM - its basic concepts, value proposition, principles, objectives, vocabulary, etc. This shared understanding will serve as a foundation for active consultation and collaboration among the IM, IT and service design and delivery communities, to create the next-generation of IM services for the Government of Canada. The design attributes of the initiative will support the evolution of IM programs in departments and agencies.

## Related Information

*Policy on the Management of Government Information:*

[http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/media/nr-cp/2003/0502\\_e.asp](http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/media/nr-cp/2003/0502_e.asp)

Government of Canada IM Portal: [www.informationmanagement.gc.ca](http://www.informationmanagement.gc.ca)