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FOIA =
accountability
through
transparency =
democracy

FOIA reform in US since 1966

- exemptions from disclosure
- fees
- time limits
- law enforcement
- technology

US Gov information inflation

- 30 billion e-mails each year
- multimedia documentation
- photographs
- maps
- databases
- audio and video recordings
- Web 2.0 applications

Can we . . .

manage records now for
agency business,
congressional oversight,
litigation or FOIA?

preserve forever, if historical?

**NO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT?**

NO ACCESS!

U.S. FOIA reform 2007

- Dispute resolution
- Customer service
- Executive responsibility

Open Government initiative

- President's memos Jan 2009 – openness & FOIA
- OG Directive Dec 2009
- Agency Open Gov plans April 2010

Open Gov plans – “leading practices”:

- agency-wide training, e.g., Fed Records Act and FOIA
- excellence in FOIA administration
- cooperation among all key players (records managers, FOIA, legal, etc.)

- data.gov
- recovery.gov
- www.agency.gov/open
- foia.gov

Will FOIA become
unnecessary? (No.)

“harness new
technologies”
+
culture change

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