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1	10/16/2014	I support the expansive view of NARA's updated, proposed digitization strategy that is noticed in today's Federal Register, including continued reliance on partnerships and the potential for more active public involvement in digitization of records. One comment only, perhaps more related to implementation, than overall strategy: I find OCR-digitized records to be so helpful. One can keyword search for specific items of interest, esp. in larger documents. Please consider OCR digitization for all text-based records.	Thank you for your comment on NARA's draft Digitization Strategy. OCR is a very powerful tool for typed records, but we have not had much success using OCR on hand-written documents. NARA is following this area and may implement new OCR technology as it becomes available.
2	10/20/2014	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I think the document looks good. My only suggestion is that you briefly elaborate on what quality control measures will be put in place (if any—and if there aren't any, why not) to evaluate digitized materials submitted to your OPAC by "Contributors." Will these appear immediately to the public or will they be vetted? I should say, however, that in the abstract I very much favor this idea. Good luck!	Thank you for your comment on NARA's draft Digitization Strategy. The specifics of the quality control that we will use for Contributor images is under development.
3	10/21/2014	I strongly suggest you reach out to National Genealogical organizations for volunteers who will have better knowledge of the records and prevent errors in transcribing such as occurred with the Ellis Island records.	Thank you for your comment on NARA's draft Digitization Strategy.
4	10/29/2014	Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft digitization strategy. Overall, the strategy document is an excellent piece of work that sets the context for the strategy and presents a very viable five point approach to expanding the volume and variety of records digitized and made available to the public. The five approaches cover the bases and provide many options for expanded digitization activities. I particularly like and appreciate that self-service digitization in NARA facilities may capture, repurpose, and integrate user generated digital copies into the NARA system. If NARA is going to encourage federal agency digitization activities and prepare itself to accept agency digitized records, it is extremely important that NARA provide these agencies with guidelines for digitization along with metadata standards needed for efficient ingest of the digital surrogates. Fortunately, the FADGI guidelines exist and can be promulgated. I recognize that the bar is pretty high for agencies who will use the FADGI guidelines. But NARA has much to gain by promoting high standards for agency digitization efforts. The NARA draft strategy is a very strong statement of intent. It provides a viable way forward that builds on successes but expands the range of options for the years ahead. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Please let me know if you have any questions.	Thank you for your detailed and thoughtful comments on NARA's draft Digitization Strategy. Your points concerning both metadata and image guidelines are very good and have been incorporated.
5	11/13/2014	I would want the ideals of the outside partnership in 4th principle to apply internally to NARA as well. I wouldn't want something to not get scanned and not end up in the catalog because it didn't fit as part of the agency comprehensive, system-wide priority list. I guess that would fit under Approach 5 ("NARA will conduct digitizing projects on its own with materials that may not be suitable or appropriate for partnership..."), but the specifics listed there only talk about vault level, or no suitable partner, or preservation. Education/exhibit fits in that as well.	Thanks for your comment. NARA does do digitization in support of education and exhibit priorities and this has been reflected in an updated Approach Five.
6	11/14/2014	1.) Remove reference to creating a culture of digitization. Instead focus on efforts to integrate digitization into all levels of archival work. 2.) Remove section on "Principles of Partnerships" because audience of the strategy is all, not just partners. Also, the principles are too detailed for a strategy document. Finally, the "principles" which sound like legal terms in a partnership agreement may change over time and I wouldn't think NARA would want to send the strategy for public comment everytime we learn a lesson about how not to do partnerships and want to change our partnership principles. That should be an organic document/process.	Thanks for your comment. The intent behind a Culture of Digitization is to ensure that projects and internal workflows think about digitization and online access at the beginning. One of the ways that NARA will create a culture of digitization is to integrate digitization into all levels of archival work. We have removed the Principles for Partnerships section from the strategy and will post it as a separate document on the Partnership Agreement webpage.
7	10/3/2014	Will there be an established process for nominating projects? I have a few crowdsource digitization possibilities running through my mind and am wondering what would be the best way to propose the projects.	The Digitization Governance Board is in the process of developing the framkwork, criteria, and process for prioritizing NARA's collection for digitization. The prioritization framework should be available in 2015 for comment. Part of the prioritization process will include a way for staff to nominate series for digitizaiton.

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8	10/3/2014	Thank you for posting to the ICN! I plan to read through more carefully, but at first scan, I am pleased with the plans to expand partnerships and selected content beyond the for-profit, genealogical orientation. I would like to see growth in our academic, educational, and non-profit partnerships.	NARA cannot achieve its digitization goals without expanding the resources available to digitization. Expanding the number of types of partnerships to those you mentioned is an excellent path forward.
9	10/3/2014	Has anyone given any thought to posting the high resolution master files on OPA created by VIS? These files are the best available scans but contain colorbars, greyscales and other reference targets in the image area. The Pros: A more authentic scan of a record, users can use the targets and references to repurpose images for critical applications, reduce the practice of making and managing multiple iterations of digital files The Cons: Look funny to average researcher,they are larger files, users must crop out image elements, longer upload download storage time/costs	Thanks for your comments, which will be taken under consideration.
10	10/7/2014	We use handheld scanners a lot here, and I save copies of all my scans. I look forward to a time when I'll just be able to send them to someone who can perform the necessary steps to put them online.	Establishing the staff and IT infrastructure to support the flow of digitized content into the catalog is critical for the success of the digitization strategy.
11	10/14/2014	I think organization records that are not searchable by name should be a top priority for scanning. We have several small series that cannot be searched unless the requester knows the unit and time period in which an individual served.	Thanks for your comments. When the framekwork for prioritizing digitization is released in 2015, please submit these series for consideration. Using digitization to open up other records for access is an excellent idea.
12	10/31/2014	I believe that creating a culture of digitization should be NARA's highest internal strategy. But it must also be appropriately staffed. NARA should have the funding for equipment and staff to tackle its holdings without relying on partnerships. NARA must be committed to enhancing and growing public access. The ideal is that NARA would be appropriately funded to identify digitization priorities and processes and then get to work in a systematic full-throttle endeavor.	Thanks for your comments. NARA's collection is vast and complex. The resources required to digitize the entire collection is quite large: it is unlikely that one funding source will be sufficient to achieve our goal. Very likely, we will need resources from a wide variety of areas including non-traditional funding sources.
13	11/21/2014	Change the title to "NARA's Digitization Strategy."	Thanks for your comments. This strategy focuses on digitization for public access and not fully address other digitization that might occur. We therefore kept the nuanced title focusing on public access.
14	11/21/2014	Include "defining the record status of digitized materials and accompanying metadata" as an objective.	See comment 19 for full response.
15	11/21/2014	The Digitization Strategy should include actions that NARA will take that will result in the IT infrastructure and management system described.	Thanks for your comments. The purpose of including these items in the strategy was to show they are integral to digitization and providing online access. Our concern was that they are being considered independent of the large digitization business process that includes preservation, asset management, etc. Although detailed actions are difficult to enumerate in a strategy, the section of Key Enabling Factors does identify these areas as critical for the success of the Digitization Strategy
16	11/21/2014	Modify Approach Four to integrate digitization into NARA's current business processes.	Thanks for your comments. We updated Approach Four to reflect an integration. The recommendation to establish additional policies around digitization to ensure uniformity and guidance is good. Digitization is too broad to incorporate all aspects into a single policy. The Digitization Governance Board (DGB) is focusing on this in 2015. For example, the DGB is developing policy around contributions to the catalog from the public. The DGB is also examining a prioritization framework to help establish digitization goals.
17	11/21/2014	Modify Approach Four to ensure NARA will develop to ensure that standards, policies and guidance material are developed to ensure the agency is consistent in its approach to digitization.	Thanks for your comments. Identified your suggestion as a factor in the section Key Enabling Factors.
18	11/21/2014	Add an Approach or section to describe "Key Enabling Factors" that ensures NARA has staffing and IT strategies to support digitization.	Thanks for your comments. We created a new section to identify additional activities required to support the strategy.

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19	11/21/2014	NARA should establish standards and processes that will allow NARA to authenticate the digital copies made by the partners, and require the use of these standards and processes in the signed partnership agreements.	Thanks for your comments. A response is challenging because in part, authentication has various meanings. The strategy speaks to the authentication of the digital material we receive from partners. This is strictly a statement about the number and quality of images captured and posted online by a partner being the same as those NARA receives. It apperas though that the comments go more towards the comparison of the digital image to the paper or the possibility of legally stating that the digital images are equivalent to the original paper. Generally, our project plans require a 100% audit of both images and metadata by the partner with strict requirements if the audit fails. NARA then performs quality control on the images received from the partners to ensure a complete transfer. The quality control requirements ensure that what the partner captured is what we receive.
20	11/21/2014	Digitization Standards are critical to any strategy, policy or plan and should be included here as a separate section following the one for "principles." This might also be addressed by enhancing Approach Four as noted above and with text added in the document.	Thanks for your comments. Digitization standards are critical for the success of NARA's strategy. We decided not to place standards directly in the strategy to provide for future flexibility. It is very possible that NARA will update its digitization standards before the strategy is updated again. However, digitization standards were identified in the section Key Enabling Factors.