



## PRESS RELEASE

### **MoReq2010® Core Services Publication - Addresses International Records Management Requirements**

#### **Pan European Collaboration Produces Practical International Standard for Public and Private Sector Needs**

*6th June 2011, Brussels, Belgium* – The DLM Forum, a European Commission sponsored body, today announced the publication of the Core Services and Plug-in Modules for the Modular Requirements for Record Systems (MoReq2010®) specification for electronic records management systems (ERMS). This follows two successful public consultations that attracted comments from almost two hundred individuals. There has also been a wide range of detailed and challenging feedback from other influential sources including the European Commission Experts' Review Group and input from suppliers and industry associations.

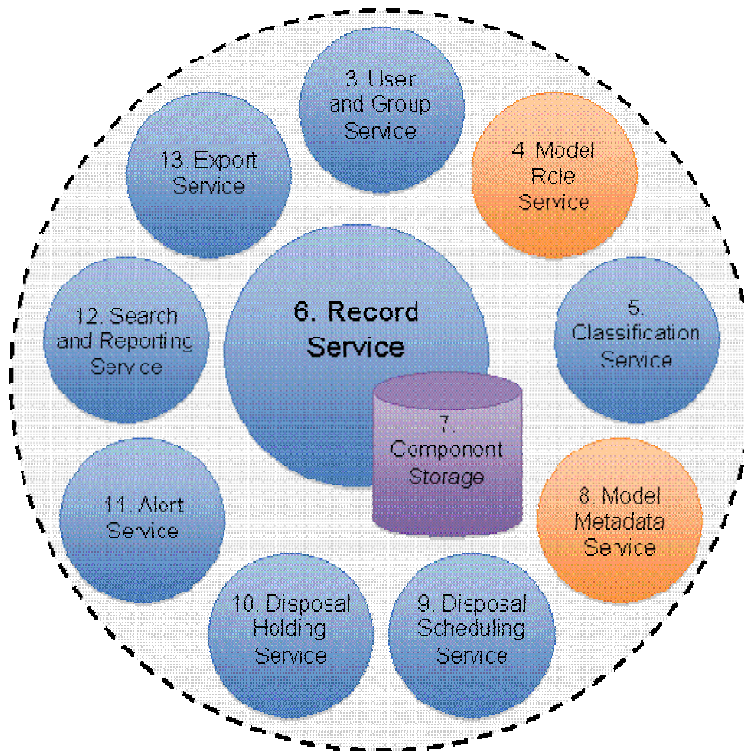
“Comments from leading experts in the field of Records Management, who have had early sight of the draft, are very encouraging. They see the resulting MoReq2010® requirements for Core Services and Plug-in Modules meeting a much needed generic International Records Management requirement addressing both public and private sector needs at both corporate and sector/application levels”, commented Martin Waldron, Chair of the MoReq Governance Board.

Jon Garde, the author of MoReq2010®, working closely with the MoReq2010® project team has reviewed and taken account of the considerable amount of input received from the various sources. The result is a much improved standard. The modular approach espoused in the draft, announced in December 2010, has been retained and the intervening time has been used to refine the requirements and its underlying information model. This has allowed them to be made both less

complex and less prescriptive, whilst retaining the quality outcomes envisaged in the original draft. A new innovative service based architecture has been introduced and this is the platform that the new core requirements have been based upon.

Jef Schram, of the European Commission commented "The MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> project has proven to be an exciting and challenging project for the DLM Forum. The European Commission has encouraged and supported the DLM Forum throughout the project; and congratulates the MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> project team with the publication of the MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> Core Module this month. The project has greatly profited from the active participation of members and the wide range of comments made during the public consultation phases. MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> moreover fully takes account of the views of the European Commission's Experts' Review Group. MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> addresses the need for a wider adoption of credible records management approaches in both the public and private sectors."

A further major introduction, in response to feedback, is the addition of concordance text for each chapter, explaining the key concepts upon which each of the core services is based. This addition



adds real value to the document, assisting developers to design and implement technically compliant solutions; and will assist practitioners in understanding the philosophy behind each concept. The document therefore has gained a significant educative aspect.

During the MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> project particular focus has been placed on analysing and referencing key international standards. This enables the DLM Forum to legitimately claim their work accords with those standards and provides a means by which those standards can

be measured and implemented. MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> is a new standard which will underpin the International Council on Archives (ICA) requirements and specifically addresses the challenge posed by ICA Module 3, to foster the development of technical solutions to introduce an appropriate measure of record management functionality into all business systems.

Gavin Siggers, Director of ARMA European Region, added, "ARMA and its members, particularly from the European Region, have actively participated in and followed the development of MoReq2010<sup>®</sup>. Our series of MoReq webinars have been very well received with high volumes of participants across

the globe. Having read a pre-release extract, I believe the standard to take a fresh and stimulating approach (in content and structure) to address many challenges facing the RIM industry and its consumers. I expect that MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> will be far reaching in its industry audience and its impact. I look forward to continued collaboration between the DLM and ARMA Europe to support its dissemination amongst our members and the wider information management community.”

## **MoReq in 2011**

The next few months will see the launch of consultation periods for the first extension modules and commencement of the first system testing for the core services. This will form the test bed for the testing scripts prior to publication.

The formal launch of the first series of extension modules for MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> will take place at the DLM Triennial Conference in Brussels in December 2011.

There will also be further announcements on the two main supporting programmes in the next few months:

- Publication of the Testing Group’s Test Centre Accreditation procedures and Certification processes.
- MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> Training Programmes which are to be scheduled through National Archives and training organisations across Europe.

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### **Links:**

MoReq2010<sup>®</sup> site: [www.moreq2010.eu](http://www.moreq2010.eu)

DLM Forum: [www.dlmforum.eu](http://www.dlmforum.eu)

### **About the DLM Forum:**

The DLM Forum was created through an initiative of the European Commission in 1997 with support from the public archives of European Union member states. Until 2002 the DLM Forum was an inter-disciplinary cooperative effort led by the EU member states and the European Commission. Subsequently, the DLM Forum has evolved to become a wider community of interested parties in archive, records, document and information lifecycle management throughout Europe.

From the third triennial conference in Barcelona in 2002 the DLM Forum has been an independent body and attracted members from both the public and private sector. It now includes suppliers, end users, consultants, regulatory bodies and associations. The DLM Forum is well established as an influential European centre, setting standards and guidelines within the disciplines of electronic information archiving and management.

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