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ARMA International Educational Foundation Board Approves 66% Increase in Funding for Programs; Strengthens Partnership with ARMA International and International Records Management Trust

Denver, CO January 23, 2011: The Board of Trustees of the ARMA International Educational Foundation (www.armaedfoundation.org) today approved an immediate 66% increase in the total funding for core programs of research, scholarship and education from the current \$22,000 to \$64,000. The allocation of the new level of funding includes \$10,000 in support of the African Book Project to provide educational texts to sixteen universities in Central and Southern Africa for use by students pursuing degrees in records and information management and \$ 5,000 dedicated to the new Academic Award for Excellence in Records and Information Management Education, which is expected to be awarded to the two best Educators within the field in late 2011. The Foundation's scholarship and research programs have been allocated \$20,000 each with the balance of the funds to be utilized for core mission programs at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

During the initial day of the two-day meeting, the Foundation Board of Trustees was joined by ARMA International President, Nicholas De Laurentis, ARMA's Executive Director, Marilyn Bier and the Executive Director of the International Records Management Trust, Dr. Anne Thurston. The three organizations agreed that a focus in the near-term should be a strengthening of the partnership with a focus on ensuring synergy of efforts as well as results. To that end, ARMA International suggested that the parties conduct a conference call on a quarterly basis to ensure open communication and harmony across the diverse set of shared and individual projects each organization is working upon.

On Friday, January 21st, representatives Barbara Voss, Denver Regional Director and Paul Wester, Director of Modern Records for the United States National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) spoke to the group regarding the effort to evolve the Agency towards supporting the challenges of managing records and information in the digital age. Upon the conclusion of the discussion, the leaders of ARMA, the IRMT and The Foundation all felt that an opportunity exists to work more closely with NARA in partnership to ensure consistency in educational and research-oriented efforts going forward.

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