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TO: Kathleen Williams, NHPRC Executive Director

FROM: CoSA Board of Directors

DATE: January 28, 2016

RE: Response to Revised Draft of NHPRC Strategic Plan

Dear Kathleen,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity once again to review and comment on the most recent revision of the NHPRC Strategic Plan. The CoSA Advocacy Committee and Board of Directors reviewed the draft and respectfully submit the following comments:

**GOAL: Connect the National Archives with the work of the nation's archives.**

- Consider revising the following objective to read: "Build state and national partnerships around key needs, such as electronic records management and digital preservation."
- Add an objective that speaks to broadening opportunities for access through collaboration with the state boards, such as "Work with state boards to connect the National Archives to citizens in each state."

**GOAL: Expand access to the nation's historical records.**

- While this goal seems to pertain primarily to documentary editing, the phrase "re-use and analysis" needs clarification for non-documentary editors.

**GOAL: Engage the American people in preserving the American record.**

- Consider adding an objective that speaks to the role state boards can/do play, such as "Broaden opportunities for access through collaboration with state boards."

**GOAL: Enhance the capacity of small and diverse organizations with historical records collections.**

- Change "small and diverse" to "small or diverse" ("small and diverse" implies the two are mutually inclusive, which is not the case).
- Add an objective to support SHRABs and their work with repositories in their states, such as "Support state boards in their work to strengthen repositories in their states."