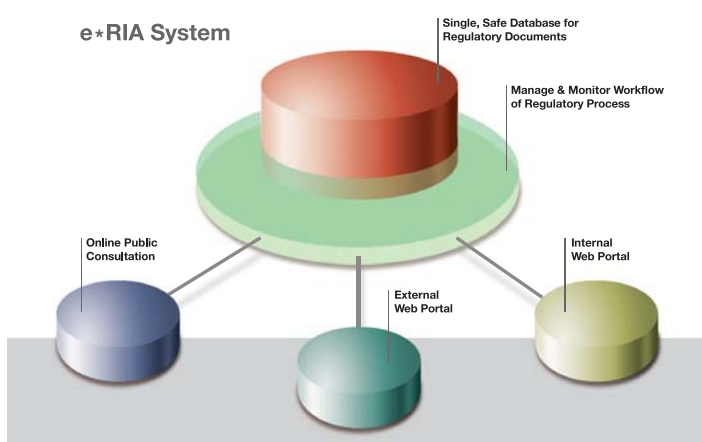


## e\*RIA

### Bringing regulatory reform into the e-Government era

Jacobs and Associates has teamed with The Ergo Group, a leading technology provider in the e-Government field, to bring regulatory reform into the e-Government era. e\*RIA is the first integrated software solution for effectively implementing Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA), an OECD-recommended tool for quality regulation.

e\*RIA is an innovative web-based system that systematizes the entire process of developing regulations through design, RIA, stakeholder consultation, and quality control so that governments



*e-RIA is an integrated internet based system for RIA development, review and publication.*

can produce higher quality, more market-friendly regulations at lower cost. Our team will adapt e\*RIA to the existing language and administrative procedures of your government.

Imagine a tool for rulemaking and regulatory impact analysis that:

- seamlessly ties together all government agencies into a single, fast, coordinated, paperless, collaborative and transparent process;
- guides regulators in drafting RIAs and conducting economic assessments with the help of prompts and templates that improve decision-making;
- helps regulators through the process of reviewing, formatting, and submitting the draft RIA to a regulatory oversight body;
- provides an effective process for stakeholder consultation and publication on each regulation and its regulatory impact analysis.

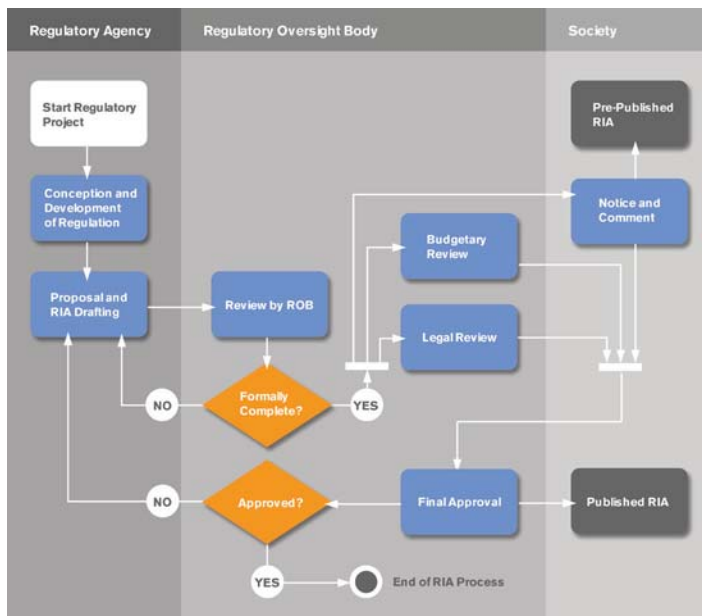
e\*RIA reduces red tape in managing government regulatory processes, helps coordinate across ministries and control internal deadlines, and provides modern Internet publication capabilities for maximum transparency.

# e\*RIA Features

e\*RIA is an e-Government platform designed for implementing good regulatory processes and online regulatory impact analysis from the ground up. It integrates every step of successful regulatory impact analysis from design of the process to implementation and review.

e\*RIA is built on a paperless process for drafting, review, publication and approval of regulations. This process was developed by Jacobs and Associates and The Ergo Group based on concrete experiences and OECD best practices, and can be modified to suit the specific needs and requirements of your government.

The process works through e\*RIA wizard: prompts and questions that guide regulators through the quantitative and qualitative issues they should consider. Questions are tailored to suit the specifics of your government.



*e-RIA incorporates best practices in RIA development.*

e\*RIA spans the intra-governmental divide: it offers a portal for regulators with personalized secure “inboxes” in which they can collaboratively draft, review, and submit regulatory projects and RIAs. It also offers a portal through which your central oversight or management body can track, receive, review, and publish regulatory

proposals and RIAs.

e\*RIA is customized and adapted to the language and administrative procedures of your government. It can be further adapted and retooled as your government adopts new practices such as public consultation or on-line registries of regulations.

e\*RIA can improve transparency and participation in rulemaking. It offers easy access to a central web portal where regulatory projects are posted with the RIAs. A single web portal for regulatory consultation improves access and public participation and is a useful tool for civil society groups to follow regulatory issues of interest to them.

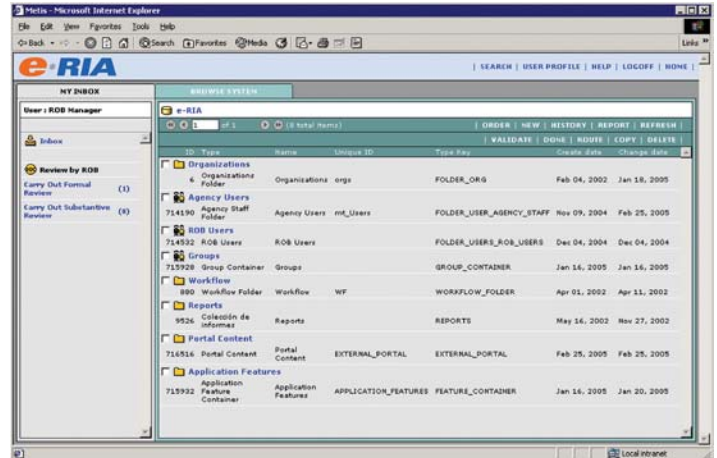
e\*RIA contains all the elements needed to make regulatory reform work:

- Embedded workflows to document the entire regulatory process and systematize how employees do their work and keep drafting on schedule.
- Online advice and guidance to improve the quality of RIA.
- Single database to store all RIAs and related documents safely and securely to facilitate transparency, consistency and accountability.
- Reporting capacities that monitor individual submissions and overall performance of ministries and agencies – thereby enhancing compliance.
- Internal web portal to manage and modify workflows, edit documents, manage users, and make changes to forms and procedures.
- External web portal to allow regulators, industry and the public access to information about regulations in progress and to participate in the RIA process.

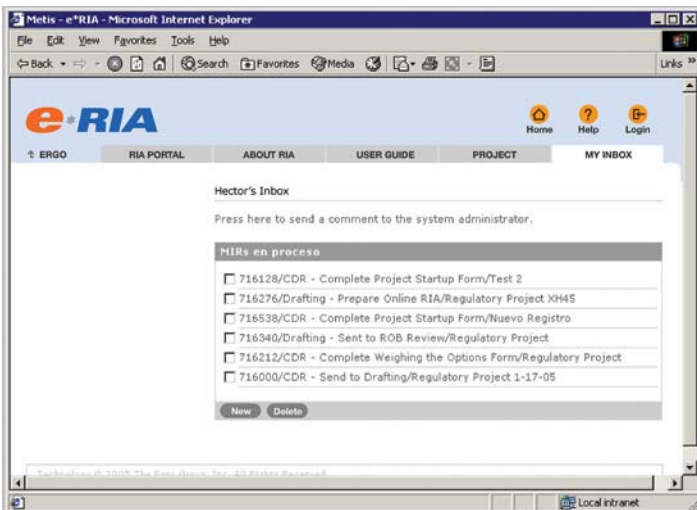
# Service Offerings

Jacobs and Associates offers e\*RIA with our full package of RIA consulting services:

- Diagnostics to identify how RIA can help your government regulate better to support investment and economic growth;
- Design of a RIA process and a step-by-step RIA implementation plan that is suited to the needs and capacities of your government;
- Training courses and workshops to prepare civil servants to carry out and use RIA at management, policy design, and analytical levels;
- Pilot RIA projects for important draft laws and rules to demonstrate how RIA is done; and
- Customization and installation of the e\*RIA tool to fit your country's specific needs and regulatory environment, as well as training agency employees in the use of e\*RIA and supporting the application with upgrades and technical questions.



The internal portal allows regulatory oversight body staff to review RIAs and manage the process.



The external portal gives regulators easy access to their regulatory projects to edit, review and send to the regulatory oversight body.



The internal portal allows regulatory oversight bodies to map out the RIA process.

# Choosing e\*RIA

RIA improves the transparency and efficiency of government regulations, but experience shows that RIA is never easy to implement. Based on our experience in helping many developed and developing countries set up RIA systems, we have designed e\*RIA to assist governments in smoothly implementing, managing, and making the best use of RIA, while reducing the costs and time needed for RIA implementation.

Additional consulting services from our full line of services are, of course, always available as an add-on. See the Jacobs and Associates website [www.regulatoryreform.com](http://www.regulatoryreform.com) for more about our full line of consulting services.

e\*RIA is licensed in a variety of flexible ways tailored to suit the needs of our government clients.

e\*RIA implementation is customized to each government's needs. We currently offer three implementation packages:

Features	Basic	Standard	Advanced
Software licenses for internal and external portals	✓	✓	✓
Software setup	✓	✓	✓
User setup	✓	✓	✓
Customization to national language	✓	✓	✓
Customization with government logos	✓	✓	✓
Training on system for technical staff	✓	✓	✓
Training on system for administrators	✓	✓	✓
Training on system for users	✓	✓	✓
Support and Maintenance	✓	✓	✓
Customization of standard e-RIA Process		✓	✓
Customization of standard e-RIA Forms and Questions		✓	✓
Design and implementation of a completely new RIA process			✓
RIA Training			✓

For more about our RIA services visit [www.regulatoryreform.com](http://www.regulatoryreform.com)



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