**Presentation Visuals**

Visual aids can facilitate the following processes:

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| * Getting/focusing attention
 | * Sequencing, outlining
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| * Highlighting features
 | * Showing the hard to describe
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| * Giving examples
 | * Comparing, differentiating
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| * Summarizing content
 | * Showing relationships
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PowerPoint:

* Excellent for certain purposes, like importing content from other sources (data, tables, graphics, charts, etc.); easy to make note-taking copies for audience.
* Simplify slides: font, format, amount of information
* Don’t just read slides to audience; be sure to include short pauses to allow them to read, add other clarifying comments or examples.

Technology is not a substitute for good content and thoughtful presentation that considers perspective of audience. Too many “bells and whistles” can be distracting to your audience.

Consider some of the other presentation visual possibilities below, if appropriate:

Charts

Posters

Overhead projectors & transparencies

Slide shows

Easel with flip chart

Videos/DVDs

Real Objects

Models

Handouts, colored paper

White or chalkboard

Photographs

Storyboards

Maps

Cartoons (check copyright restrictions)

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