

# Regional Depository Library Meeting

## Role of Regionals in an NCSA-based Service Model

Library Services and Content Management  
Federal Depository Support Services

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Discussion
  - **What is the role of the regional in an NCSA-based service model?**
- NCSAs and the Steering Committees
- Wrap-Up and Questions



# Welcome



# Discussion



# Why should I continue to be a regional?

- Regional collections are still the core of the National Collection
- Needed expertise of regionals
- Build upon previous investment into their government publications programs/collections at their institution—for example, over half of regionals are in partnerships with GPO
- Provide a strong voice to the NCSA and broader community



# What current roles continue to exist?

- Historical collections and preservation of them
- Collection management guidance
- Government information expertise
- Resource for selectives in their state/region for questions about the FDLP, overall best practices, program changes, etc.
- ILL
- Training
- Outreach to selectives and the general public communities served



# What new roles can be created?

- Coordinate depository collections in regional and NCSA
- Serve on steering committees
- Promote discovery of and access to collections across the NCSAs
- Curate, coordinate, and preserve historic collection strengths in each NCSA
- Monitoring status of digitization projects
- Lead evaluation of tangible format equivalent needs



How do you perceive your role in an  
NCSA-based FDLP?





**What are your thoughts and concerns?**



# National Collection Service Areas

NCSAs group Federal depository libraries into four service areas as a means of:

- Ensuring geographically dispersed permanent public access to Federal Government information products;
- Sharing resources among depository libraries;
- Receiving services from GPO's Library Services and Content Management (LSCM); and
- Collaborating between and among depository libraries.



# NCSA Steering Committees

Each NCSA will have a steering committee for the purposes of:

- Facilitating discussion and collaboration among the Federal depository libraries in the NCSA.
- Increasing opportunities for collection flexibilities and management.
- Increasing the collaborative possibilities for depository library administration and services (e.g., training, resource sharing).
- Developing planning documents (e.g., Collection Management Plan for the NCSA);
- Collaborating with GPO to develop and refine guidance and procedures to guide the FDLP in its digital transition.

*[Steering Committee Charters](#) are available on [FDLP.gov](#).*



# Seeking Steering Committee Volunteers

GPO is now seeking volunteers to serve on NCSA steering committees. Members will serve staggered two-year terms. If you are interested, please [complete this form](#) by **Thursday, February 29, 2024**. If you have questions, please submit them to [askGPO](#), and select the “Other depository library question or issue” category.



# Wrap-up and Questions

