



## Digital Access Partner Criteria

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Digital Access Partners recognize and commit to activities which reflect their role in providing public access to Government information in relation to Federal Depository Library Program's mission of providing free, readily available, and permanent public access to Federal Government information now and for future generations. Digital Access Partners who exemplify the fullest level of commitment to providing access and discovery to Government information will have documented and the capability to provide evidence to support the following evaluator criteria.

1. A written public access plan and/or public access policies relating to the availability, reliability, and accessibility of Government information.
2. The support and maintenance of a fully accessible and functional digital platform, information systems, and automated services for distributing, discovering and searching for Government information.
3. Provision of Government information to the public in a variety of open, accessible digital formats, ideally those formats which are listed in the [Library of Congress' recommended list of Sustainable File Formats](#) and, where applicable and possible, to the [Federal Agency Digital Guidelines Initiative](#).
4. Documented knowledge of the specific technical and information needs of their user communities, including the FDLP, and their stakeholders necessary to access and make use of their digital collections.
5. The implementation of controlled metadata schemas in order to describe, organize, and provide access to Government information.
6. The implementation of persistent identifiers in order to ensure all digital objects are uniquely identifiable, traceable and that users are enabled to access the digital resources via persistent links.
7. The institution must provide a copy of the access and mater files along with any accompanying metadata to GPO in the event the institution is no longer able to provide no-fee public access.
8. The content covered by the partnership agreement is within scope of the FDLP.