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FDSYS

A Beta version of FDSys is now available, and a complete migration off of GPO Access will take place later this year. Users can now access 15 collections through FDSys, including Congressional Bills, the Congressional Record, and the Federal Register. On the authentication front, GPO has support from Congress and the Office of the Federal Register to authenticate more content through FDSys, as we have already done with the Budget, Congressional Bills and Public and Private Laws. More content will be authenticated beginning in August.

BUDGETARY FUNDING

The Omnibus Appropriations Bill for FY09 provided funding for specific project activities in our program, including:

1. **Data Storage**— The Omnibus Appropriations Bill further supports our goal of ensuring permanence of electronic content, as the electronic collection grows.
2. **FDLP Outreach and Educational Training**— We will be able to develop training modules beyond OPAL. We will also supplement this with in-person training, site visits, and assessments where needed on-site. We are currently filling a position for an additional Assessments Specialist in Education and Outreach as well.
3. **Systems Modernization**— We are making upgrades in our distribution system to keep shipments of tangible materials flowing to the library community, while also developing enhanced requirements to replace our item selection system, DDIS
4. **Cataloging and Indexing**— LSCM received additional funds (one million dollars) for the Cataloging and Indexing Program. These funds will be used to fund two major projects, each with three sub-projects— all with the goal of increasing cataloging production and improving quality. The first major project is to acquire staffing support services to do three sub-projects. The first sub-project is the digitization of the historic shelflist dating back to the 1800s. The shelflist consists of approximately one million 3x5 cards with bibliographic data. The second sub-project is to acquire temporary staffing support to transcribe the digitized shelflist cards so they can be downloaded into the Catalog of U.S. Government Documents, increasing the bibliographic entries and comprehensiveness of the Catalog. The third sub-project is to acquire staffing to manage U.S. Government serials, current and historic by developing a serials management strategy, processes for serials control including issue check-in.

The second major project is to acquire computer programming support services to develop application programming interfaces to exchange data between GPO legacy systems and newer

systems. The three sub-projects include application programming interfaces to track printing costs for Federal Government documents, and to automatically distribute bibliographic records from the CGP to depository libraries and customers via the Internet. The third sub-project is to automatically capture and push production statistics from the ILS to LSCM managers and senior executives. These statistics could keep FDLP members informed of production rates.

5. For the first time, funding specifically for FDsys was approved

DIGITIZATION

GPO made the decision in April 2009 to award a digitization contract to expand public access. This no-cost contract to the Government will specify that content will be available to GPO free of charge. JCP approval is required to move ahead with the contract, and the JCP has scheduled a meeting with GPO the week after next to discuss questions that have been received from segments of the library community. In the interim, GPO has been busy in a facilitation/coordination role working with others engaged in digitization activities. We also have posted new information related to digitization on the desktop, including priorities for digitization, an enhanced digital registry that helps account for other ongoing digitization projects, and information on how you can participate. GPO is interested in partnerships on digitization to see how we could provide converted content to FDsys.

FDLP DESKTOP

The FDLP Desktop should be your primary source for information about the FDLP. Additionally, I encourage you to subscribe to FDLP-L through the desktop for announcements. We have recently added a community forum for collaboration as a component of the desktop.

WEBTECH NOTES

GPO has completed the initial release of the WEBTech Notes replacement application. Capabilities currently enabled include: browsing and re-sorting records using the default interface; browsing records by date range, category, and fields using the advanced interface; viewing individual and multiple records; navigating results lists; exporting individual and multiple records in HTML and CSV; and subscribing to and receiving RSS feed updates.

DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL, NEW MEMBERS

We recently announced the following new members to the Depository Library Council: James R. Jacobs, Jill A. Moriearty, Daniel P. O'Mahony, Ann Marie Sanders, and Camilla Tubbs.

REVISED SUBSTITUTION GUIDELINES

GPO has revised the guidelines for selective depository libraries to substitute tangible depository materials for access to online government information dissemination products. A selective depository is permitted to replace tangible versions with online equivalents of depository materials, provided the library has held the publication for at least one year, the regional depository has approved the disposal of the tangibles, and the online version is: official; complete; and free of charge to the user. No library is required to substitute online versions for paper, microfiche, CD-ROM, etc.