



September 13, 2007

The Honorable Robert A. Brady
Chairman
Joint Committee on Printing
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to request the approval of the Joint Committee on Printing to designate the regional Federal depository libraries at the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska as shared regional depository libraries. In GPO's view, so designating these libraries will allow them to consolidate collections and reallocate resources to achieve operational efficiencies, giving the libraries a practical and economical means for providing public access in the areas they serve.

Our request to the Committee is based on a request submitted to GPO jointly by the Honorable Pat Roberts, U.S.S., and the Honorable Ben Nelson, U.S.S., a copy of which is enclosed. This is the first instance of a request for a formal designation of shared regional depository libraries between two or more States, as opposed to designation of a regional depository library within a State as prescribed by 44 U.S.C. 1912, and GPO is aware of discussions within the library community for additional designations.

To properly evaluate all such requests, and to ensure that any designations of shared regional depository libraries comport with all applicable provisions of the Federal Depository Library Program under the provisions of chapter 19 of Title 44, U.S.C., GPO developed a set of *Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries*. The *Guidelines* were put out for comment by the depository library community, revised as appropriate, and a final version was released August 28, 2007; the reaction within the community to the final version has been supportive. Subsequently, GPO determined that the proposal for involving the Kansas and Nebraska regional depository libraries fully meets the standards set forth in the *Guidelines*.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 1914, which permits the Public Printer, with the approval of the Committee, to "use any measures he considers necessary for the economical and practical implementation of [chapter 19 of Title 44, U.S.C.]," I respectfully request the

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Committee's approval to designate the libraries at the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska as shared regional depository libraries. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact GPO's Director of Congressional Relations, Mr. Andrew Sherman, on 202-512-1991, or by email at asherman@gpo.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William H. Turri".

WILLIAM H. TURRI
Acting Public Printer

Enclosure

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 30, 2007

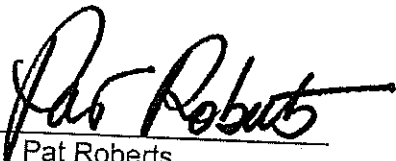
Mr. Richard Davis
Acting Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Rm. C730
Washington, DC 20402

Dear Mr. Davis:

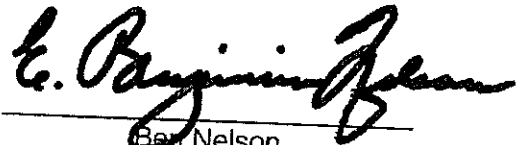
We write to you at the request of the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln who have developed a proposal for creating a joint regional depository collection for government documents at their libraries. We understand that the two library deans discussed this proposal with you on February 27. By establishing a joint regional depository collection, the two universities will be able to consolidate collections and reallocate resources to provide cost-effective services to the citizens of our states. The universities have signed a memorandum of understanding outlining how they will provide a joint regional depository collection. Supporting documentation from the State Libraries of Kansas and of Nebraska and from the government document community has been submitted to the Government Printing Office.

We strongly support this request for designation of a joint regional depository library collection for Kansas and Nebraska per 44 U.S.C. §1912 (1991). As this is the first request for designation of a regional federal depository library between two states, any guidance you can provide on how the universities should proceed will be appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Pat Roberts
United States Senate



Ben Nelson
United States Senate