

Impact on Federal Agencies Working Group Progress Report

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I. Progress

- Megan Minta, Administrative Librarian (Collection Development) provided information about LSCM's outreach efforts to Federal agencies to increase compliance with the statutory mandate for Federal agencies to provide Federal publications to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and Cataloging & Indexing Program. Strategies include a [Dissemination Program](#) page on GPO.gov; regularly updated Circular Letters; GPO-sponsored trainings (e.g., GPO Boot Camp, 30 Minutes with GPO); and participation in interagency councils, working groups, and consortiums. Agency Content Submission process via *askGPO* was reviewed, and a list of agencies that routinely submit content was shared.
- Team members are reading various documents on the reading list, particularly the Federal Research Division, Library of Congress Case Study.
- Working Group discussed that FDLP going all digital will have limited impact on Federal Agencies and Federal libraries; it is more the actions of agencies and printing/publishing practices that will have impact on the FDLP.
- Group agreed on this definition: "An all-digital FDLP approach would only use digital processes and services to provide free and permanent access to U.S. government information."
- Determined some areas of concern: We can go **all-digital** if:
 1. FDLP continues to distribute print versions of key legal resources (as long as the agencies still have print versions);
 2. GPO seeks additional funding and continues to digitize to preservation standards for key historic resources and make available via *govinfo*, etc.;
 3. FDLP continues to seek collaborative partnerships with agencies/libraries to do this digitization work (similar to the Serial set project), to save money and avoid duplication;
 4. There is an increase in collaborations/partnerships with Federal agency libraries/info centers;
 5. GPO works on ways to collaborate at the executive agency level (this can be accomplished through more targeted promotion);
 6. GPO works on ways to improve collaboration with agencies who have established digital repositories of in-scope materials. Collaboration might take the shape of regular communication as well as partnerships to reduce duplication of effort between GPO and the agencies;

7. Work more collaboratively on the harvesting of agency websites, cross-government group;
8. Build up digital preservation efforts, quality control of digital assets, format migration strategies etc.
9. GPO continues to explore and invest in state-of-the art systems infrastructure and technologies to improve bibliographic access to all of the Federal agency government resources in the National Collection, including linked catalogs, API development for *govinfo*, etc.

II. Problems

- No problems or risks identified for meeting or reporting at this time.

III. Plans

- Review/refine the “ifs”, determine if any are missing, etc.
- The Working Group team members are considering reaching out to agency contacts to ask why they are still printing materials and what would be lost, if anything, if they no longer printed that work.
- Invite GPO Member of the Federal Web Archiving Group to attend an upcoming meeting of the WG to discuss cross-government harvesting work.