



# Title 44, Legislative and Policy Issues

## Progress Report

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### I. Progress

- We reviewed current statutory authority and recent legislation related to the FDLP, along with directives and statutory requirements for agencies to create and disseminate public information.
- We determined that our initial approach to identifying potential legislative changes would not be effective in the available time, and switched gears to take a different approach.
- We identified key resources related to current federal agency obligations and explored trends within these resources that are relevant to an all-digital FDLP.
- We explored potential approaches to thorny policy issues that may not be possible to address through the legislative process.

### II. Problems

- We continue to await findings from the “impact” Working Groups, which are critical to answer questions related to legislative and policy issues.
- Most of our agreement up until now has been verbal; putting our ideas into writing may surface nuance that will need to be agreed upon and addressed.

### III. Plans

- We will return to the question of identifying legislative changes that will be needed regardless of a decision to adopt an “all-digital” strategy for the FDLP, using an approach that leverages GPO’s proposed changes to Title 44.
- We will also begin to draft the report, including some tentative recommendations.
- We will reach out to identified stakeholders about policy process issues.
- We will collaborate with the Impact on Depository Libraries Working Group to gain an understanding of the recommendations they are considering, since these could have a direct impact on legislative authority.