

# Memo

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Re: National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information Strategic Plan for FY 2023 — FY 2027

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The Depository Library Council (DLC) reviewed the draft version of the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information Strategic Plan and on the members' behalf, I offer feedback to the Government Publishing Office as final edits to the draft are considered.

DLC supports the overall structure, historical context, and high-level view of the Strategic Plan. DLC recognizes that implementation details will be necessary next steps in the process and shared as they are created. Finally, DLC strongly supports the inclusion of the following statements, commitments, and affirmations in the final version of the plan:

- Public domain affirmations and commitment to free public access
- An emphasis on the necessity of both tangible and digital information products
- Acknowledgement of the scope and the scale of a plan needed to create a National Collection
- Strong statements about the role of Government information professionals in providing access.

DLC looks forward to future action plans that will address many of the questions that arise when reading the Strategic Plan, such as:

- Expectations for and delineations of the roles of depository coordinators, state and regional coordinators, and National Collection Service Area FDL staff
- A need for continued education about the importance of tangible legacy collections, especially in light of discussion about digital distribution and access
- Clarification about how digital deposit, the Catalog of Government Publications, govinfo.gov, and other aspects of the plan will evolve and operate within the context of the plan
- The challenge of preserving digital public information not in govinfo.gov that is currently held or linked to via PURL by GPO
- Details about how parts of the plan, such as preservation plan requirements, apply to different types of libraries in the FDL.

DLC appreciates the attention, the time, and the effort that went into the creation of this plan and the opportunity that we have been given to provide feedback.