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Dear Federal Depository Coordinator:

In summer 2015, the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)'s congressional oversight committee, the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP), approved the proposed Superintendent of Documents policy allowing regional depository libraries to discard depository materials that meet specified criteria.

Read [GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks' discard policy approval request and the JCP response to it.](#)

In September 2016, regional depository libraries will be able to begin requesting permission to discard.

As part of this process, GPO is also recruiting libraries (both regionals and selectives) that will serve as Preservation Stewards. These designated libraries, under a Memorandum of Agreement with GPO, would retain all or a portion of discard-eligible depository resources. Identifying Preservation Stewards will allow GPO to ensure that preservation copies of record will be in geographically dispersed locations in the United States, as required by the JCP. If your library may be interested in serving as a Preservation Steward or you would simply like to learn more, [register to attend](#) our virtual discussion on August 2, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Eastern). By attending this virtual discussion, you are in no way committing to serve as a Preservation Steward. This is simply an exchange of information.

In order to help prepare you and your library staff for the implementation of this new policy, numerous informational resources are now available on FDLP.gov.

1. [The Regional Discard Policy](#)
2. A 14-minute, informational [webcast](#) with basic information about and stipulations of the policy, the Phase 1 implementation schedule, an update of GPO's current action items and progress, upcoming communication to the FDLP community, and where to go for questions and comments
3. A [new web page](#) that will serve as your one-stop-shop for discard information
4. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the implementation of the policy
5. [Instructions](#) for submitting discard requests to GPO
6. [Titles Eligible for Discard – List No. 1](#)
7. [Draft Memorandum of Agreement](#) for Preservation Stewards

I invite you to take a look at the resources linked here, and please don't hesitate to [reach out to us](#) with your questions and comments. Additionally, I encourage you to review our [draft Memorandum of Agreement](#) for Preservation Stewards, and provide us with your comments via the [inquiry form](#).

Sincerely,

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