



Regionals at the Crossroads: Options with Flexibility

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Regional Scenarios

- 53 regionals in 43 states
- 2 states with designated shared regionals
- 8 regionals serve multiple states or territories
- 7 states, 5 territories, and the District of Columbia are served by regionals outside their boundaries



Establishing Shared Regionals

■ Guidelines

- Inter or intra state arrangements
- Interstate agreements must be approved by the Joint Committee on Printing
- Designation process is similar to other types of designations
 - Agreement among institutions
 - Approval of state library commission
 - Senatorial request for designation sent to GPO



Communication

- Consult with selective depository libraries in the state(s) and assure their concerns are addressed prior to signing an MOU.
- Keep the selectives in the participating state(s) informed through regular communications during the transition and implementation.
- Confer with and keep GPO abreast of plans and implementation schedules and activities.
- Obtain the support of the administrations from all participating libraries.
- Obtain the support of the state library commission or comparable authority.
- Review state plan(s) and revise accordingly.



Collections

- Identify which regional is responsible for what part of the collections (date and SuDoc ranges).
- Specify where regional collections will be housed.
- Include responsibility of archiving and long-term security of the collection, as covered in the [Instructions to Depository Libraries](#).
- Address a contingency plan for maintaining the regional collection(s) should the MOU be terminated or modified by one or more of the parties.



Access & Services

- Address how this agreement will maintain or, preferably, improve service to the public, including access to the tangible collection.
- Address how selectives, the public, and others will identify regional holdings (e.g., shared catalog, holdings of libraries participating in the MOU reflected in all their catalogs).
- Provide information as to how, where, and when depository resources can be accessed and obtained by the user.
- Address how participating institutions will retrieve materials from the regional collection and deliver to users (e.g., interlibrary loan, document delivery).
- Determine how services for the public and support services for selective depositories will be conducted (e.g., reference assistance, disposition lists, training).



Memorandum of Understanding

- Assurance that the agreement will maintain or, preferably, improve public access and service, and the steps that will be taken to measure this activity.
- Clear statement indicating the allocation of responsibilities for collections and services among the libraries participating in the MOU.
- Clear statement indicating what services selective depositories will receive from each library participating in the MOU.
- Clear statement that all regional requirements/guidelines of the FDLIP continue to be in effect.



MOU *(continued)*

- Provision for regular reviews of the arrangement that includes feedback from selective depository libraries.
- Procedures for modifying or terminating the agreement.
- Provisions for disposition or transfer of materials in the event of termination, or significant modification, of the MOU that alter responsibilities for the collection.
- Contact information for the regional documents coordinators.
- Signatures of the library directors, from all libraries participating in the MOU.

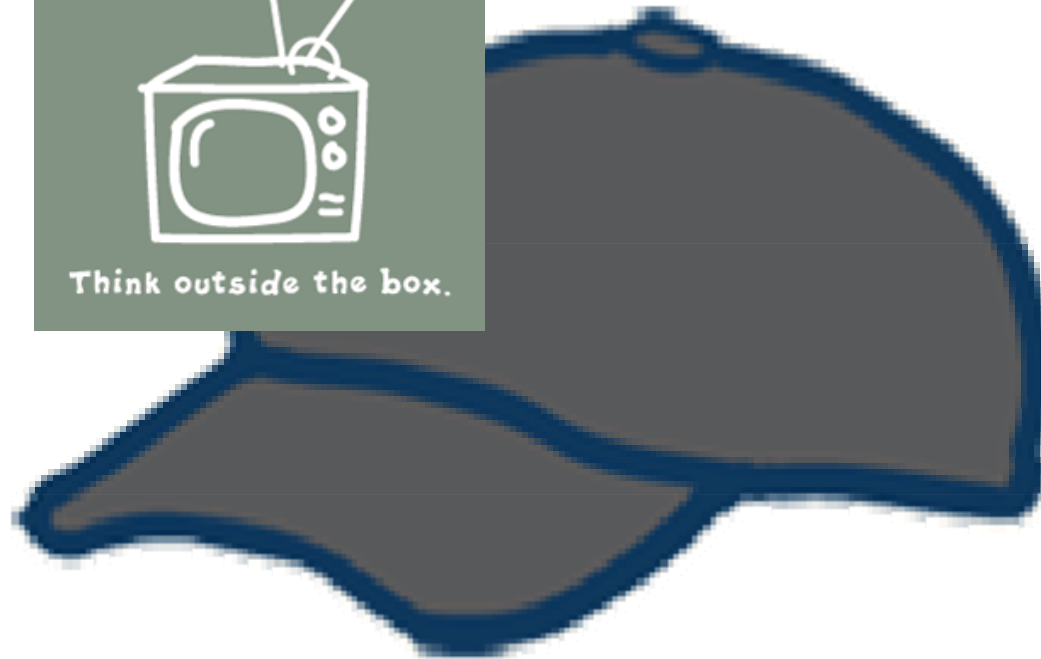


Where's the Flexibility?

- GPO Guidelines
 - Collections
 - Access & Services
- Guidelines for operation of the agreement
 - Details
- MOU
 - Range of options
 - Refer to guidelines of operation or include details of how agreement will operate



Put on your thinking cap ...





Think of something later ...

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