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FEDERAL DOCUMENTS TASK FORCE MEETING
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REGIONAL STUDY

- GPO was directed by the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) to determine the extent to which public access via the FDLP may be impaired by current or projected organizational, financial, technological, or other conditions affecting regional depository libraries.
- GPO has completed the report. It is entitled, *Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: A Time for Change?*.
- The JCP has now asked GPO to make it available as a draft and to seek comments from the depository community. Comments may be submitted until June 30, 2008.

AUTHENTICATION

- Digitally signed the PDF files for the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget of the United States Government on *GPO Access* for the first time, released on February 4, 2008.
- GPO used the newly deployed Automated PDF Signing (APS) system to sign these files.
- The APS system has been integrated into the beta Authenticated Public and Private Laws application that was released in May 2007.
- Planning is underway for authentication of additional *GPO Access* applications, particularly Congressional Bills.

FDLP MARKETING PLAN

- Plan released via the Desktop in May 2008. Three components to the Plan: 1) launch of a new marketing campaign to support the promotion of Federal depository libraries, 2) tips and strategies to empower FDLs to promote themselves to non-FDLs, and 3) tips and strategies to empower FDLs to promote themselves to the general public.
- Campaign is currently being launched. Visit GPO booth for more details. There will also be marketing programs at Interagency and Fall Council.
- New promo products soon available for order from the Desktop (two of which are available at the booth right now).
- FDLP promotional videos are currently in production. Soon will be available from Desktop, and libraries can take these videos and place them on their library Web sites

FDLP DESKTOP
- The FDLP Desktop provides the community with the latest news and updates regarding the FDLP.
- More interactive features will continue to come online that will allow our users to interact not only with GPO, but with the community as a whole. This interaction is coordinated through individual user accounts.
- Registration is open to the public and unlocks features such as the ability to receive automated, customized news alerts through FDLP Express; order FDLP promotional materials; add your library events to our community calendar; register/unregister for conferences; and more.

DIGITIZATION
- GPO is working with staff at the Library of Congress (LC) on two important digitization projects. GPO is assisting LC in the digitization of the Bound Congressional Record from the 43rd Congress through the 105th Congress.
- LC is digitizing the material to meet GPO's specifications for converted content for preservation masters. This material will be ingested and made available as part of the FDsys. In addition to this material, GPO and LC collaborated on the digitization of the Statutes at Large, which will also be made available through the FDsys.
- GPO continues to work with other agencies on the National Digital Standards Advisory Board, Federal Still Image Digitization Working Group. The goal of this project is to establish common standards, methods, practices, and guidelines for the digitization of visual material (excluding motion picture images).
- Common digitization standards will enhance the exchange of research results and developments, encourage collaborative digitization practices among Federal agencies and institutions, provide the public with a product of uniform quality, and set a common benchmark for digitization service providers.
- This highly collaborative project team, involving multiple Federal agencies and inviting input from outside organizations and corporate entities, meets on a regular basis. Tools for collaboration and for communication will be identified, defined, developed, and promoted as a project priority. These may include such vehicles as wikis, listservs, Web sites, conference calls, or conference collaboration applications. A public Web site will be made available in the near future to communicate the objectives, methodology, progress and conclusions of the working group, as well as to solicit public input.
- GPO staff members are currently working on a Statement of Work and expect to post a Request For Proposal in the next week for digitization of the legacy collection at no cost to the Government.

DIGITAL REGISTRY
- Recent re-launch of an enhanced Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects at <http://registry.fdlp.gov>
- The new Registry is powered by a platform that allows for better functionality by the contributors, users, and GPO staff.
- The enhanced Registry allows:
  - Viewing digitization projects by category or alphabetically by title
  - Searching the entire Registry as well as searching by category or fields

- Viewing a list of new or recently updated projects
- Adding new projects to the Registry
- Adding our RSS feed to your reader and staying informed of new listings
- Viewing listings by contributor

PARTNERSHIPS
- GPO is continuing to expand its partnership efforts.
- On June 4, information on how to request access to the Homeland Security Digital Library was announced on FDLP-L.

ONLINE LEARNING
- GPO continues to provide education and outreach on topics related to the FDLP through Online Programming for All Libraries (OPAL), a Web conferencing service <http://www.opal-online.org/>.
- The first GPO/OPAL presentation by depository library staff took place in May 2008, when Washington State Library Preservation and Access Services staff demonstrated practical book conservation techniques to a live audience. The 40-minute program is archived for public access at http://www.opal-online.org/archiveGPO.htm, along with other presentations on FDLP topics. A series of presentations on the Federal Depository Library Handbook is planned for this summer.
- Depository library staff who would like to present educational and training sessions for the benefit of the community should complete the Online Educational Program Proposal Form at <http://www.fdlp.gov/learning/opalproposal.html>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
- The 2008 Annual Interagency Depository Seminar will be held July 28 - August 1, 2008 in Washington, D.C. The free seminar, open to depository library staff, provides an opportunity for both new and experienced documents personnel to review basic materials and learn about new products directly from Federal agency staff.
- The Fall 2008 Federal Depository Library Conference & Fall Depository Library Council Meeting will be held October 20 – 22, 2008 in Arlington, Virginia at the Doubletree Hotel.
- The Spring 2009 Depository Library Council Meeting will be held April 20 – 22, 2009 in Tampa, Florida at the Hyatt Regency Tampa.
- Both DLC meetings are free and open to the public.
- Registration information for all at www.fdlp.gov.

LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS
- Nominations are still being accepted for the 2008 Federal Depository Library of the Year Award via the Desktop.