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****NOTE TO EDITORS**** High-resolution photos of the event available for downloading:
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WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office has selected Michigan's Benton Harbor Library as the 2006 Federal Depository Library of the Year. Public Printer Bruce James presented the award to library officials Sunday at the annual Federal Depository Libraries fall conference. In presenting the award, James commended the library for providing the residents of its community with online access to authentic published Government information.

"I am honored to present this award to the Benton Harbor Public Library. Our partnership with the Federal Depository Library is an example of how GPO and local libraries can help communities across the country access authentic published Government information," said James. "I am especially glad to see the library using the far-reaching benefits of the Web to post Federal Government documents that residents can download electronically."

Benton Harbor Public Library is in an economically challenged area and used limited funds to ensure Federal Government resources are used to their full potential. Michigan's United States Senators are proud of what a library in their home state was able to accomplish.

"I commend the Benton Harbor Public Library staff not only for its commitment to providing citizens with access to a wide range of Government resources, but also for presenting these resources in a manner that so directly meets the needs of the community," said U.S. Senator Carl Levin.

"Great things are happening because of great people in Benton Harbor. I'm so proud to represent them," said U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow. "This award is very special and very well deserved. I want to congratulate Fred Kirby, our great director of the library, and his staff."

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