



## Depository Library Council Meeting Update

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### **SURVEY TO IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL TITLES FOR PUBLIC USE IN PAPER OR OTHER TANGIBLE FORMAT**

GPO conducted a survey from March 4 through March 18, 2005 to identify items that should be added to the current list of Essential Titles for Public Use in Paper Format either for all Federal depository libraries or for specific types of depository libraries. The survey results can be found at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/essential/statistics.html>. GPO has now analyzed the data, which can be found in the registration packets, and will be online at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/essential/>.

### **AUTHENTICATION/PKI**

GPO has nearly completed the installation of digital signing tools using PKI. The purpose is to enable the application of digital signatures to authenticate *GPO Access* files. The first digitally signed documents are expected in May, starting with Congressional Bills of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Simultaneously, steps are being taken to complete the cross-certification of GPO's PKI operations with the Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA) to ensure that business, administrative, and technical processes related to GPO's PKI match those of the Federal Bridge.

### **ILS AND RETROSPECTIVE CONVERSION OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS PROJECTS UPDATE**

A tentative "go-live" date of mid-June has been set for the Integrated Library System (ILS). OPAC testing is planned for June 1st-10th. Information about participating in this testing will be posted to FDLP-L in May. GPO staff continue to work on many related projects, including the customization of the out-of-the-box public interface, the development of training sessions for staff who will be using the system, on-going authority control services, and the migration of the "locate libraries" function to the new OPAC.

The Office of Bibliographic Services has completed a statement of work for retrospective conversion services for the pre-1976 GPO bibliographic records, and formal procurement activities should begin in the near future.

### **INFORMATION DISSEMINATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The Office of Information Dissemination/ Superintendent of Documents (ID) is compiling the *Information Dissemination Implementation Plan, FY 2005-2006*. This document will reflect ID's plans for the full scope of its programs and operations. To date, its chapters include the latest versions of three plans previously issued separately:

the National Bibliography, the National Collection (formerly Collection of Last Resort), and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Electronic Collection. Other new chapters will be added as they become available. The current version of the document will soon be available on *GPO Access* at:

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdlp/pubs/IDPlan.pdf](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/IDPlan.pdf).

### **THE NATIONAL COLLECTION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS**

GPO and NARA are continuing to discuss transforming the set of FDLP tangible publications that NARA currently holds for GPO into one of the proposed National Collection dark archives. The working assumption is that NARA will continue to refer users to FDLP collections for tangible documents and will use the digital copies in the GPO Electronic Collection (EC) for access. GPO is working with NARA to develop procedures for the addition of publications to the National Collection dark archive that were not previously distributed to depository libraries. This will allow GPO to assemble comprehensive coverage of all content that should be in the FDLP, whether it was distributed at the time of publication or not. A second dark archive is being planned for the Western United States. GPO will issue an RFP this summer to identify a library or other institution partner for operating the Western collection.

GPO recently placed online the *Baseline Requirements for Digital Reformatting and Delivery of Legacy Federal Documents Collections*, prepared for GPO by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). The report includes CRL's recommendations for the minimum requirements governing file formats, interoperability, accessibility, asset management controls, and other aspects of digital reformatting and delivery for print and microform legacy materials. The report is available from the FDLP Desktop at

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdlp/pubs/crl\\_digital\\_baseline.pdf](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/crl_digital_baseline.pdf)

### **FUTURE DIGITAL SYSTEM**

GPO is concluding the third phase of a planning process to develop a comprehensive, integrated system for information lifecycle management that will transform GPO's role and practices. The earlier phases produced a Concept of Operations document, released in October 2004, which provides an initial roadmap for system development activities. This document can be found at

[http://www.gpo.gov/news/2004/ConOps\\_1004.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/news/2004/ConOps_1004.pdf)

Preliminary functional requirements for the design of the system have been completed. In coming weeks, those requirements will be refined, and will drive the development of specifications, concept selection, and implementation plans. The depository library community will be notified as soon as these requirements are available for public review.

### **DIGITIZATION OF THE LEGACY COLLECTION**

GPO recently released for comment the Report on the Meeting of Experts on Digital Preservation: Metadata Specifications. The report is located at

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/about/reports/metadata.html>.

GPO is also moving forward with plans to begin digitizing documents of the historical collections of the FDLP. GODORT's Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee has voted to appoint four individuals to work with GPO to review the results of GPO's digitization ranking survey and to guide GPO in the nomination of materials that would be optimal for initial digitization activities. There will be additional opportunities for input from the library community as GPO continues to develop plans for the digitization of the legacy collection.

### **WEB DISCOVERY AND HARVESTING**

GPO will be working with the EPA Web site as a pilot project for Web Harvesting. While this pilot is being implemented, a set of long-term requirements for web discovery and harvesting is being developed in conjunction with work on the implementation of GPO's Future Digital System.

GPO is now reviewing proposals received via its Solicitation and Statement of Work, and vendor selection should be announced in the near future.

### **BOUND CONGRESSIONAL RECORD NOW ON *GPO ACCESS***

The most requested title in the GPO digitization priority survey was the *Bound Congressional Record*, which is now available as a *GPO Access* application. A full-text, searchable and browseable online 1999 *Bound Congressional Record* is available at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/crecordbound/index.html>.

The application will be updated as additional volumes are published, and also built retroactively as part of GPO's legacy digitization efforts.

GPO also plans to release a *U.S. Reports* application this summer, followed by a *Statutes At Large* application this fall.

### **GPO ADDS OCLC HOLDINGS SYMBOLS FOR REGIONAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES**

GPO has begun adding the OCLC holdings symbol of 32 Regional depository libraries to the bibliographic records GPO contributes to OCLC WorldCat. Working with GPO, OCLC has developed an automated daily batch loading process to set the holdings. The presence of the 074 symbol indicates that the title was distributed to depository libraries.

In February and March, GPO produced 2,443 records to which holdings symbols were added, creating more than 76,000 new access points to specific Federal publications.

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR FDLP PARTNERSHIPS**

- GPO has implemented a one-year pilot project, in partnership with the Library of Michigan, as part of the transformation of GPO's mandate to monitor the performance of depository libraries from the traditional inspection process to a proactive model of regional consultation and education. To this end, Sally Lawler, Public Services Librarian at the Social Work Library at the University of Michigan, has accepted a position with GPO as a part-time consultant.

- GPO, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the University Library of Case Western Reserve University have agreed to extend the current partnership, which makes electronic Government information products from the 2000 Census of Population and Housing accessible under the auspices of the FDLP, for an additional two years.
- GPO and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis are finalizing details for a partnership agreement to provide depository access to Federal Government information in the Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research (FRASER) service.

### **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN PUBLISHING SERVICES (Sales Program)**

GPO is currently requesting information about the capabilities of vendors to provide some or all of the services involved in the transformation of our current sales and distribution operations. The goal is to propose, design, and execute an innovative new model for a publications sales and distribution operation on a revenue sharing basis. A successful model will:

- Increase public awareness of these publications
- Expand distribution channels
- Move the brand name into the commercial mainstream
- Utilize the latest technology
- Achieve significant cost reductions

For more information, please visit <http://www.gpo.gov/salesprogramrfi/>

### **STATISTICS**

Since its inception in 1994, GPO Access retrievals have exceeded 2 billion. The average number of retrievals from GPO Access in 2004 was 1.6 million per day. The average number of daily retrievals from GPO Access is equivalent to more than 39 million single-spaced typewritten pages.

Through February of FY 2005, GPO has disseminated a total of 14,274 online and tangible unique titles in various formats (This total does not include multiple formats of the same title). Approximately 92% of these new titles were electronic and about 8% were tangible distributions.