

Federal Information Preservation Network

To ensure Government information access for future generations

Access Assurance Partners

- Federal Depository Libraries
- National Libraries
- Library of Congress
- Federal Agencies
- Library Consortia
- Associations
- Public Sector
- Private Sector
- Other Stakeholders

Partner Roles

- Cataloging
- Digitizing
- Harvesting
- Hosting
- Preserving
- Storing
- Assessing Collection Condition



Potential



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What is it?

The Federal Information Preservation Network is a strategy for a collaborative network of information professionals working in various partner roles to ensure access to the national collection of Government information for future generations. The Network contributes to the preservation of both tangible and digital Government information, and elevates the public awareness and prestige of local initiatives, specific collections of Government information, and the institutions and agencies that have stewardship over them.

Why is it necessary?

The historic collection of tangible Federal Government publications and the born digital Federal information of today are a priceless information asset for the American people. This information tells the story of the work of our democracy in action over the more than two hundred years of our history. Yet, this information asset is vulnerable to decay, neglect, obsolescence, damage, theft, and content degradation. A network of partners working cooperatively to preserve Federal Government information is necessary to ensure that this information asset remains accessible to the American people both now and for future generations.

Who can participate?

The Network is open to participation from Federal depository libraries, U.S. national libraries, the Library of Congress, Federal agencies, library consortia, associations, public and private sector enterprises, and others who are interested in the preservation of Government information.

Where will the work be done?

Local participation and decentralization are key to the success of the Federal Information Preservation Network. GPO's role is to provide leadership and expertise to leverage local preservation efforts already underway; to help stakeholders find partners to develop or expand local preservation initiatives, and to coordinate this work and provide the context needed to form these projects into a national preservation network.

How will it be governed?

Leadership, direction, and coordination of The Network will come from GPO with advice and guidance provided by an advisory board.

When does it begin?

We are still in the planning stage of development, but we are also reaching out to potential access assurance partners looking for opportunities to work in various partner roles. If you have a project already underway or are planning a project that meets the objectives of the Federal Information Preservation Network, then we want to hear from you.