Q&A from the Technology Planning Session

12/4/14

from Jenny Groome to All Participants:

What does "auto options" mean?

> Jenny, I'm assuming the group meant something comparable to YBPs approval plans. Depending on the parameters of the depository library profile, certain titles may be automatically shipped or auto-notifications would go out if a title in a particular subject area becomes available.

from Deisy Vaske to All Participants:

I have a question, but I am not sure if it is here where I need to ask it. Here it goes
We use DOCS2000 to download and print our labels. Currently we have to maintain an old machine, (PC) to be able to print labels. Someone has an idea when will this program be updated to work with Windows 7 or new machines (PCs)?

> This tool was developed by the University of Buffalo Libraries. Please contact http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/staff/Email.asp?email=tmmc with questions related to this software..

from Arlene Weible to All Participants:

I feel like I've been giving feedback about how GPO can improve these processes for the last 20 years. How will this plan get us to the point where real change is implemented?

> GPO appreciates your feedback and hope you will continue to offer wisdom that can help us better achieve the goals of the Federal Depository Library Program. Over the past 20 years, we've witnessed unprecedented change in the way information is distributed and consume. The expectation is that the rate of change will remain constant over the next 20 years and therefore we believe the FDLP must be better poised to respond quickly to changing needs of the community.

from April Gilbert to All Participants:

Anything on the Needs and Offers page? I would like to see Needs and Offers incorporated here, with fill in forms or upload for approved lists. There would be advanced search capabilities and RSS for searches. I would like to be able to enter a SuDoc for a title on a Needs page, receive search results for the libraries offering that SuDoc, and an RSS feed for the search, so anytime someone offered that SuDoc I would be alerted to it.

> GPO understands the value this would bring to the FDLP community and is committed to fulfilling this need. We are currently exploring the possibility of taking a fast-track approach to Needs and Offers, which would be independent of the overarching technology plan. We will have more news to share in the spring.

from Jenny Groome to All Participants:

I have always found docs librarians helpful in solving issues that ILS folks can't. Like Stan Price's SuDoc sorting, DDM2, and label printing from Excel. Now, can we crowd source some of the other issues?

> Absolutely! Docs librarians are the subject matter experts! We can't implement technology solutions without considerable input from subject matter experts. The crowd source idea is a very interesting idea and one that I will certainly add to the conversation as we move into the conceptual design phase. The Digital Public Library of America is a perfect example of a crowd sourced effort for application development.