Implementation of a Digital FDLP
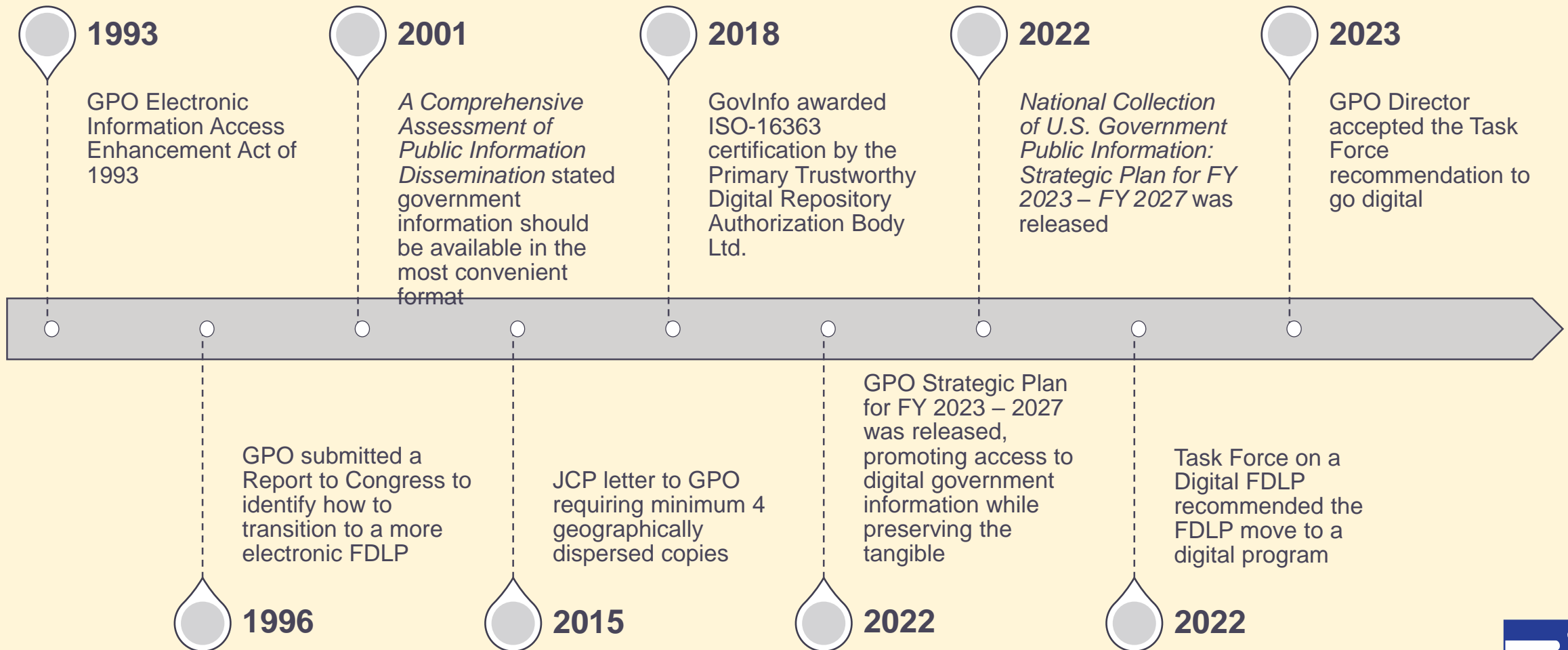
Northeast NCSA Meeting

9/26/2023

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- History of the FDLP as it relates to digital government information
- Digital FDLP Implementation
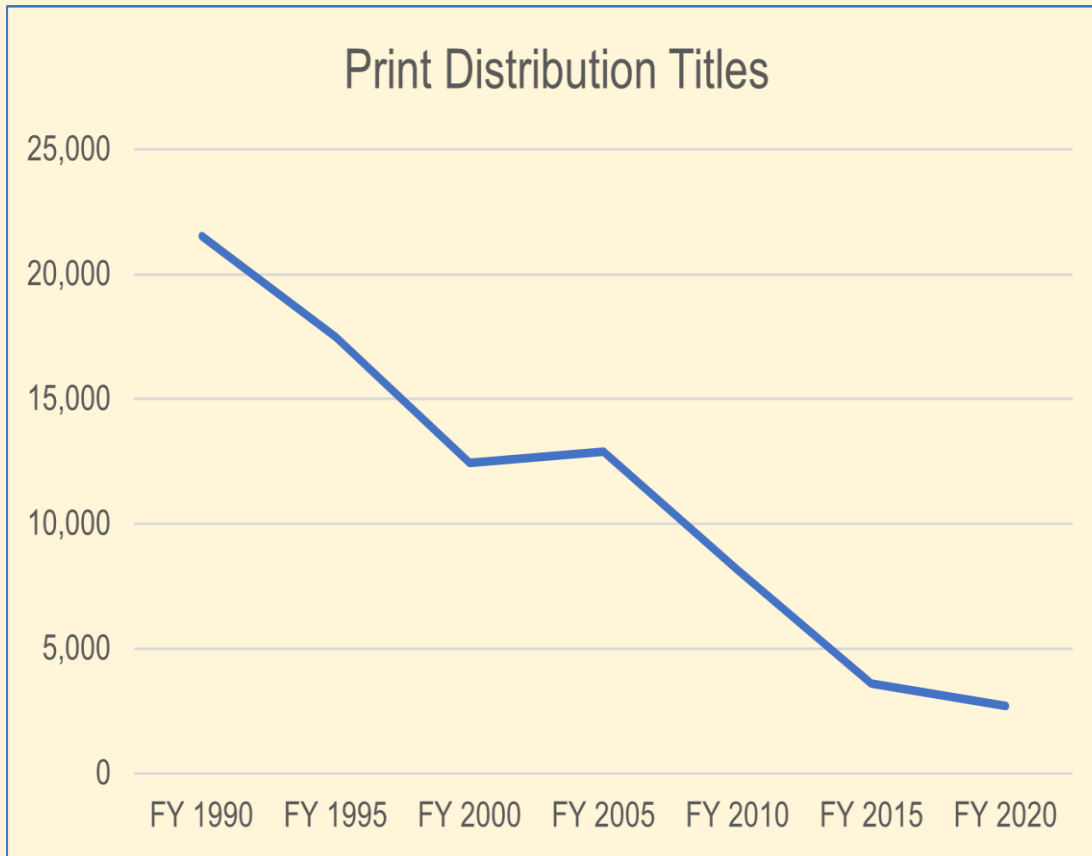- New Print Distribution Framework
- Next Steps

How we got here

1993
GPO Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993

1996
GPO submitted a Report to Congress to identify how to transition to a more electronic FDLP

2001
A Comprehensive Assessment of Public Information Dissemination stated government information should be available in the most convenient format

2015
JCP letter to GPO requiring minimum 4 geographically dispersed copies

2018
GovInfo awarded ISO-16363 certification by the Primary Trustworthy Digital Repository Authorization Body Ltd.

2022
GPO Strategic Plan for FY 2023 – 2027 was released, promoting access to digital government information while preserving the tangible

2022
National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information: Strategic Plan for FY 2023 – FY 2027 was released

2022
Task Force on a Digital FDLP recommended the FDLP move to a digital program

2023
GPO Director accepted the Task Force recommendation to go digital

For a more detailed timeline see: https://www.fdlp.gov/evolution-of-digital-fdlp-timeline

Transitioning to a Digital FDLP

Print Distribution Titles

(Chart showing a declining line graph. Y-axis ranges from 0 to 25,000 in increments of 5,000. X-axis shows FY 1990, FY 1995, FY 2000, FY 2005, FY 2010, FY 2015, FY 2020. The line starts around 21,500 at FY 1990 and declines to roughly 2,700 by FY 2020.)

- Quantity of titles and copies will continue to shrink
- Print distribution is being reduced to a limited selection of titles
- A tangible print copy will be distributed and retained in each of the four NCSAs
- Public Access remains a core commitment

Digital FDLP Implementation

- Digital version is the primary copy
- Libraries must opt-in to receive a title in print
    - Quantities are limited
    - Collaborative collection development is prioritized
    - Increased emphasis on shared collection management
- Regionals are not required to select everything in print
- There are no immediate changes to Legal Requirements and Program Regulations for legacy collections
- Special Selection Offers (SSOs) will continue

Print Distribution Titles

Unlimited selections (examples)	• Statutes at Large
	• U.S. Reports
	• Bound Congressional Record Index
	• House and Senate Journals
	• Constitution Annotated (CONAN)
	• U.S. Code
20-copies (examples)	• Bound Congressional Record (Proceedings & Daily Digest)
	• Bound Serial Set
	• Maps
50-copies (examples)	•The bulk of the Print Distribution Title List, including: • Administrative decisions (ex. Labor Relations Decisions) • Titles of a reference nature (ex. Agricultural Statistics)

Print Distribution Titles: Unlimited selection titles

- Distribution per current item selection profiles in DSIMS
- A select list of 7 titles of legal nature:
    - Statutes at Large
    - U.S. Reports
    - Bound Congressional Record Index
    - House Journals
    - Senate Journals
    - Constitution Annotated (CONAN)
    - U.S. Code

Print Distribution Titles: 20-copy titles

- 22 titles are on this list
- Examples:
  - Bound Congressional Record (Proceedings & Daily Digest)
  - U.S. Congressional Serial Set
  - House and Senate Document and Reports
  - Journal of the Executive Proceedings
  - Select maps

Print Distribution Titles: 50-copy titles

- 20 titles on this list
- Examples:
  - Agricultural Statistics
  - CFR
  - FCC Record
  - Health United States
  - Minerals Yearbook
  - Budget of the United States (and its various volumes)
  - Administrative decisions (ex. Labor Relations Decisions)
  - Economic Indicators
  - Congressional Directory

Notable Changes

- The following will no longer be distributed to FDLs:
    - Federal Register
    - Congressional Hearings

When does all this go into effect?

- This is an evolving transition, expect on-going communication
- Material ordered under FY23 will continue to go out to selectors
- New order counts will go into effect as printing contracts come up for renewal
- Regionals should wait to deselect any items in DSIMS until authorized to do so by LSCM.
- Selectives who want to deselect may update DSIMS at any time.

A survey is out to gauge interest

- We've sent out an information-gathering survey to regionals, preservation stewards, and libraries housing regional copies of these continuing titles

- Survey is to be completed by October 3, after which we will have a better sense of the demand for the print copies.

Next Steps

- Details about implementation are forthcoming
- LSCM will review the survey data to assess demand
- GPO will strategize how to identify selectors of the Print Distribution Titles moving forward
- Additional feedback will be gathered from all depositories

Questions?

Wrap-Up

- Contact us at https://ask.gpo.gov/s/
  - Use the category: 'Other depository library question or issue'
- More information can be found in Digital FDLP Implementation, including:
  - The list of Print Distribution Titles
  - An executive summary
  - An FAQ
  - A timeline and overview of the Digital FDLP