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The Draft Regional Discard Policy

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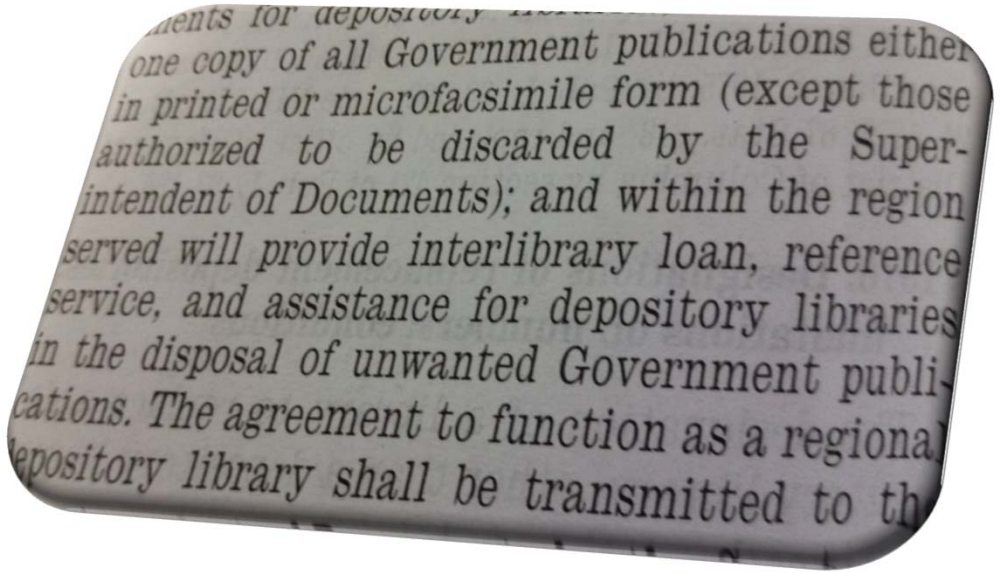

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FDLP Forecast Study Outcome

Need for flexibility in managing depository collections

GOAL 2.3: UNDERTAKE FUTURE TRANSFORMATION OF THE FDLP

2.3.1 Authorize regional depository libraries to replace some tangible depository materials from their collections if those materials are available on FDsys as an authentic version with the digital signature of the Superintendent of Documents.

To implement objective 2.3.1

- Superintendent of Documents policy drafted
- Discussion draft shared with depository community
- Feedback solicited from library associations
- Likely impact sought from regional depositories
- Approval of the Joint Committee on Printing required

The Draft Policy

"Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries"

Authorized when the publication:

- Has been retained by the regional in tangible form for a period of seven years from the date of receipt, processing, or shipping list date; and,
- Is available on GPO's Federal Digital System in a format that meets the standards of the Superintendent of Documents as authentic with the digital signature of the Superintendent of Documents.

AND…

The Draft Policy – Requires Regionals To:

- Inform GPO of their intent to discard tangible depository materials
- Receive advance approval to discard from the Superintendent of Documents
- Offer the discarded publications to the selectives they serve and then to other depository libraries nationwide

Sought Feedback on Draft Policy

- Regional Government Information Librarians
- Depository Library Council
- American Association of Law Libraries
- American Library Association
  - Government Documents Round Table
- Association of Research Libraries
- Association of Southeastern Research Libraries
- Medical Library Association

Feedback Obtained

- Favored the implementation of the policy – one exception, ALA GODORT
- Shared Implementation concerns
  - Seek trusted repository certification for FDsys
  - Maintain geographically distributed tangible copies
  - Define “requisite number of tangible copies” to ensure access and preservation
  - Ensure policy does not diminish access and preservation

Additional Feedback Obtained

- Process questions raised
- Desire to broaden scope of policy to include
  - Ingest of more authenticated content into FDsys
  - Investigating authentication and ingest of FDL digitized content into FDsys
  - Digitized content held in trusted repositories and FDL digital collections
- Need for inventory and bibliographic control of the national collection of Government information
- Most agree that these actions should not delay implementation of the policy

Addressing Concerns Raised

- GPO is seeking certification as a Trustworthy Digital Repository in accordance with ISO 16363
- Regional Discard Intent survey to obtain baseline data for geographic distribution
- The requisite number varies and is dependent upon assorted conditions
- DLC program addresses access and preservation benefits of the policy

Bibliographic Inventory

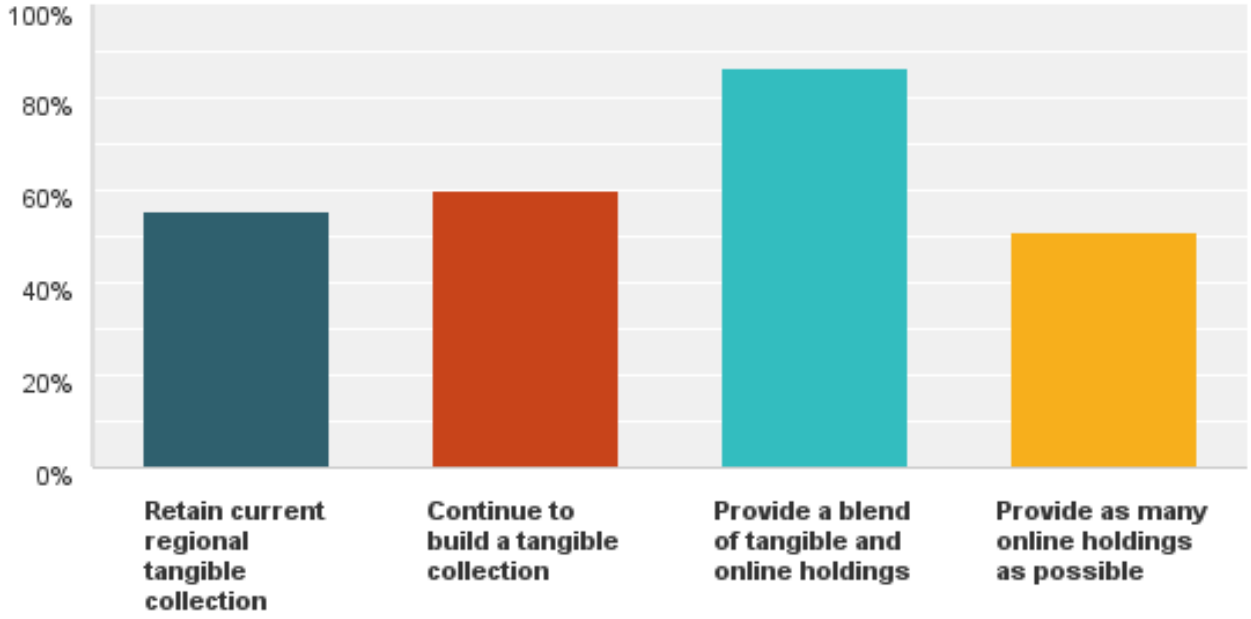
Regionals' Discard Intent Survey

- Sent to directors 11/03
- Three Questions
  - Depository library number
  - Describe the collection development strategic direction for your library
  - Intent for employing the discard policy with FDsys collections
- 45 of 47 regionals responded

Results

Q2 Which response best describes the collection development strategic direction for your library, including the regional depository collection?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



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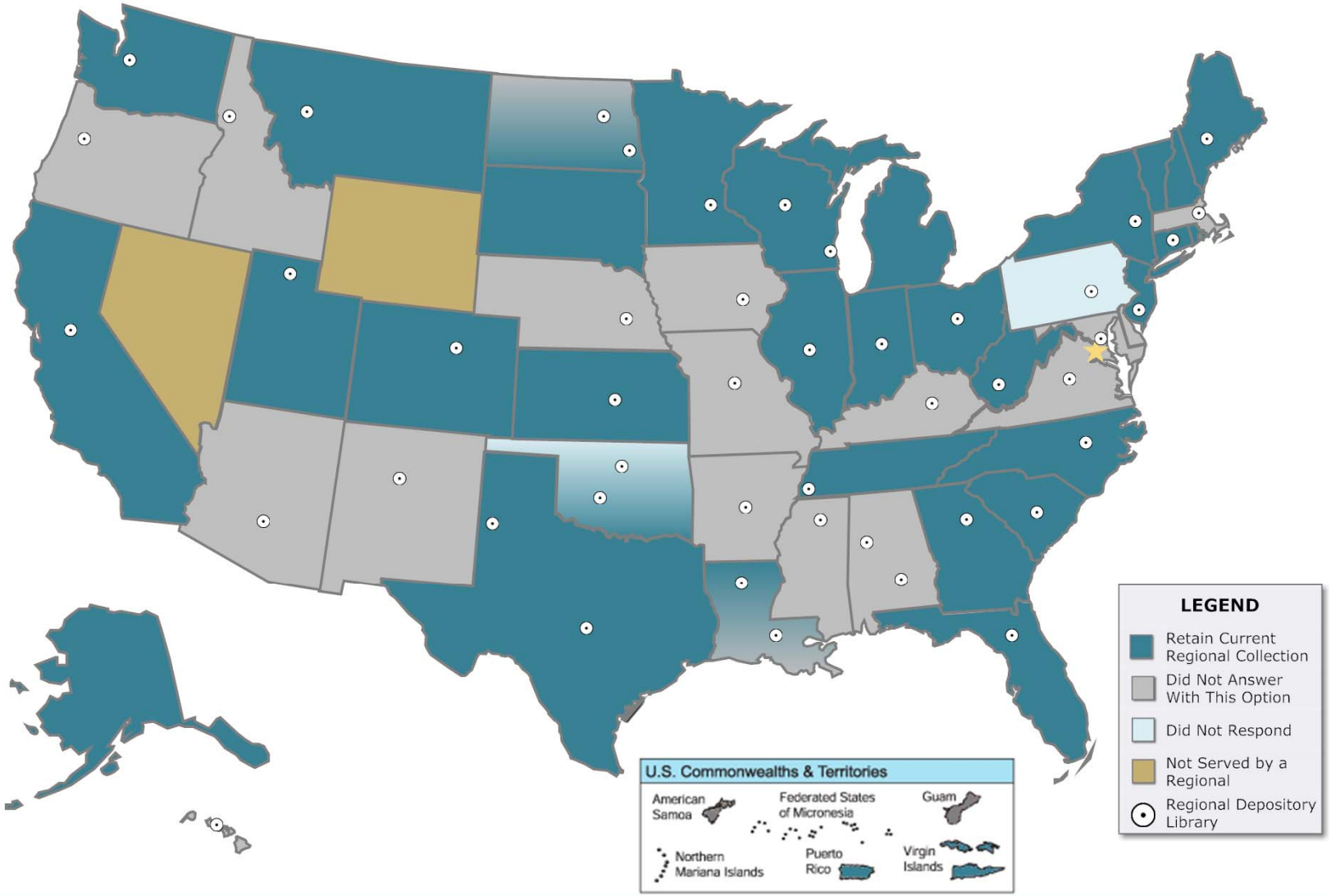
Retain Current Regional Collection



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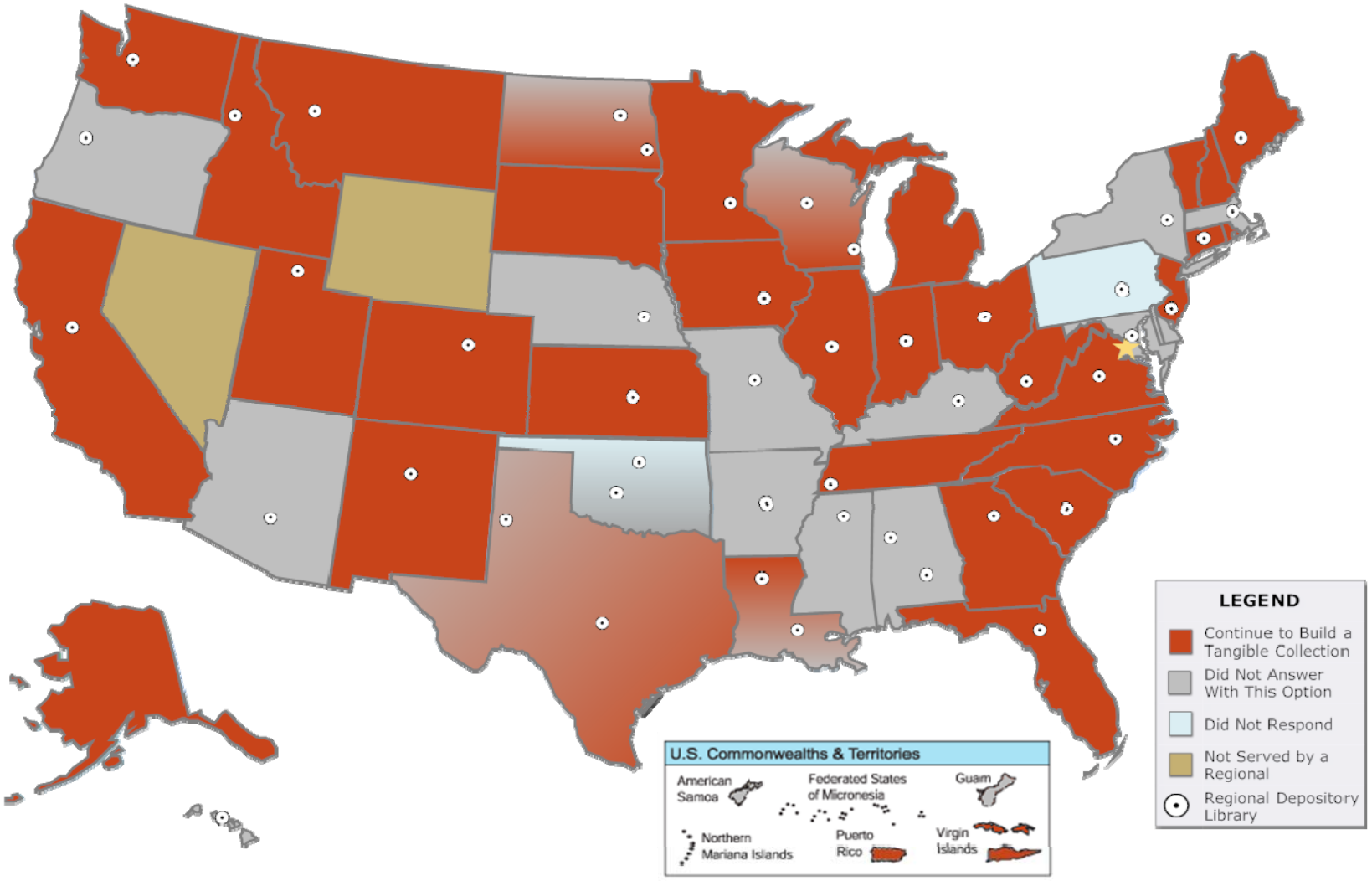
Continue to Build a Tangible Collection



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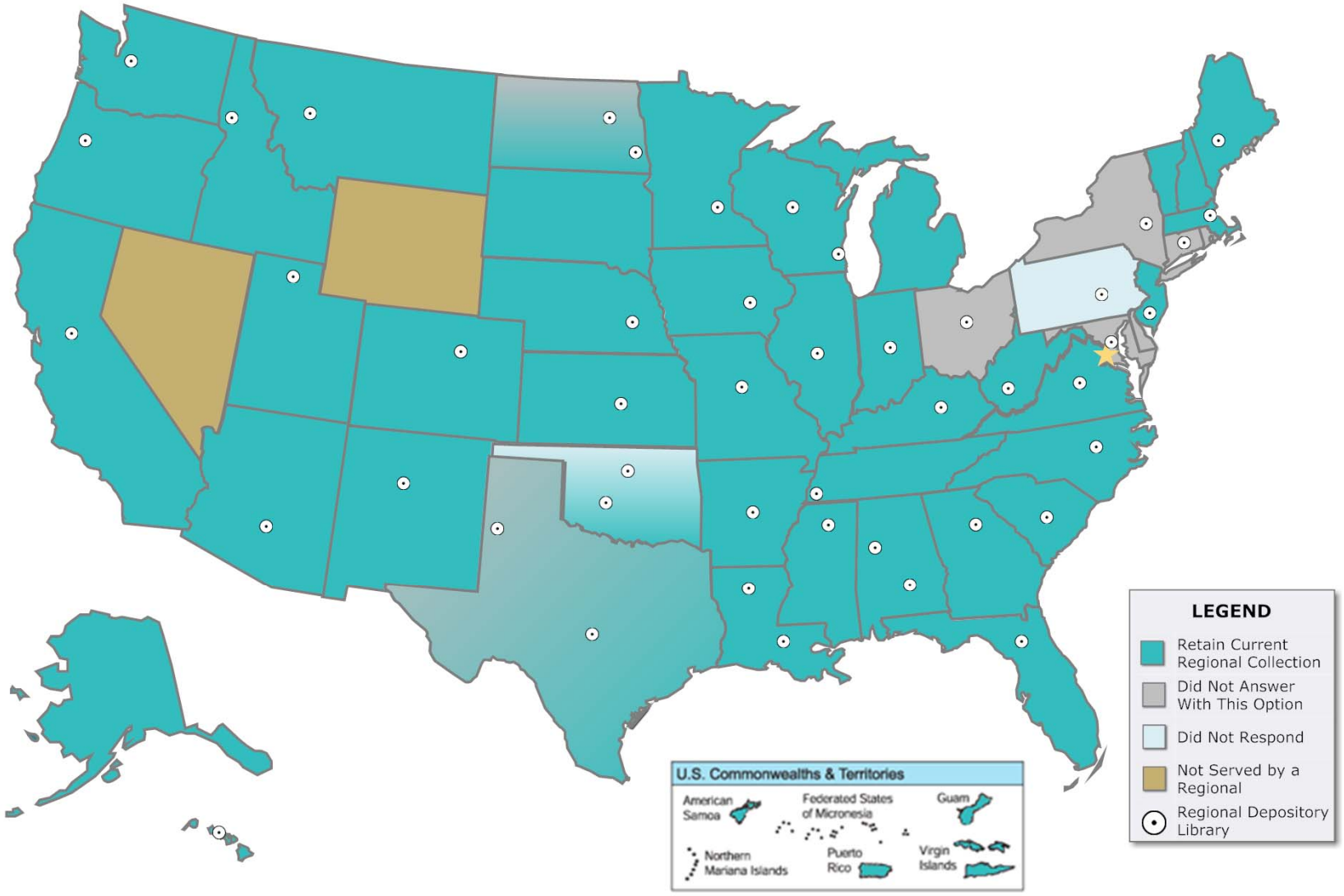
Blend of Tangible and Online Holdings



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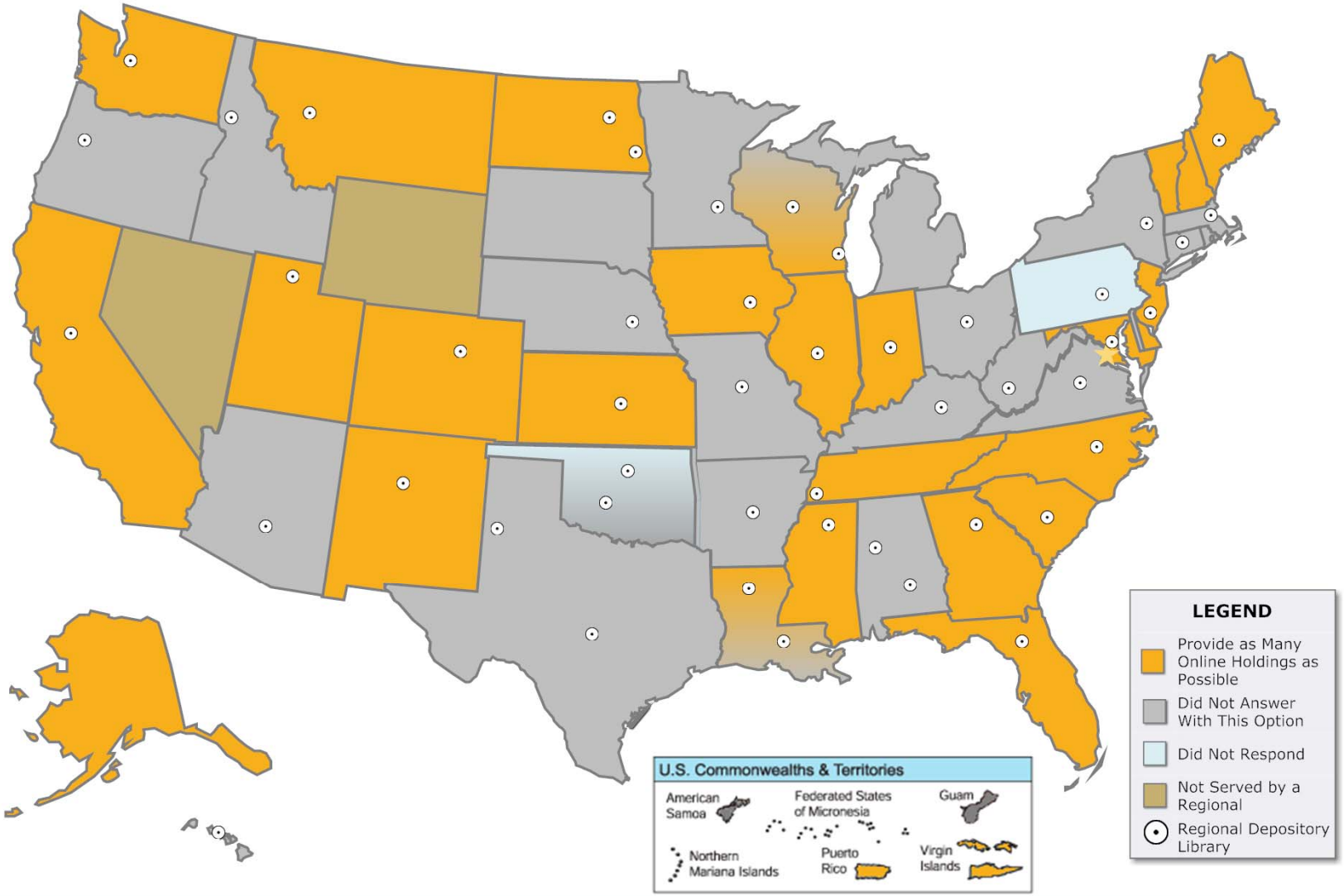
Provide as Many Online Holdings as Possible



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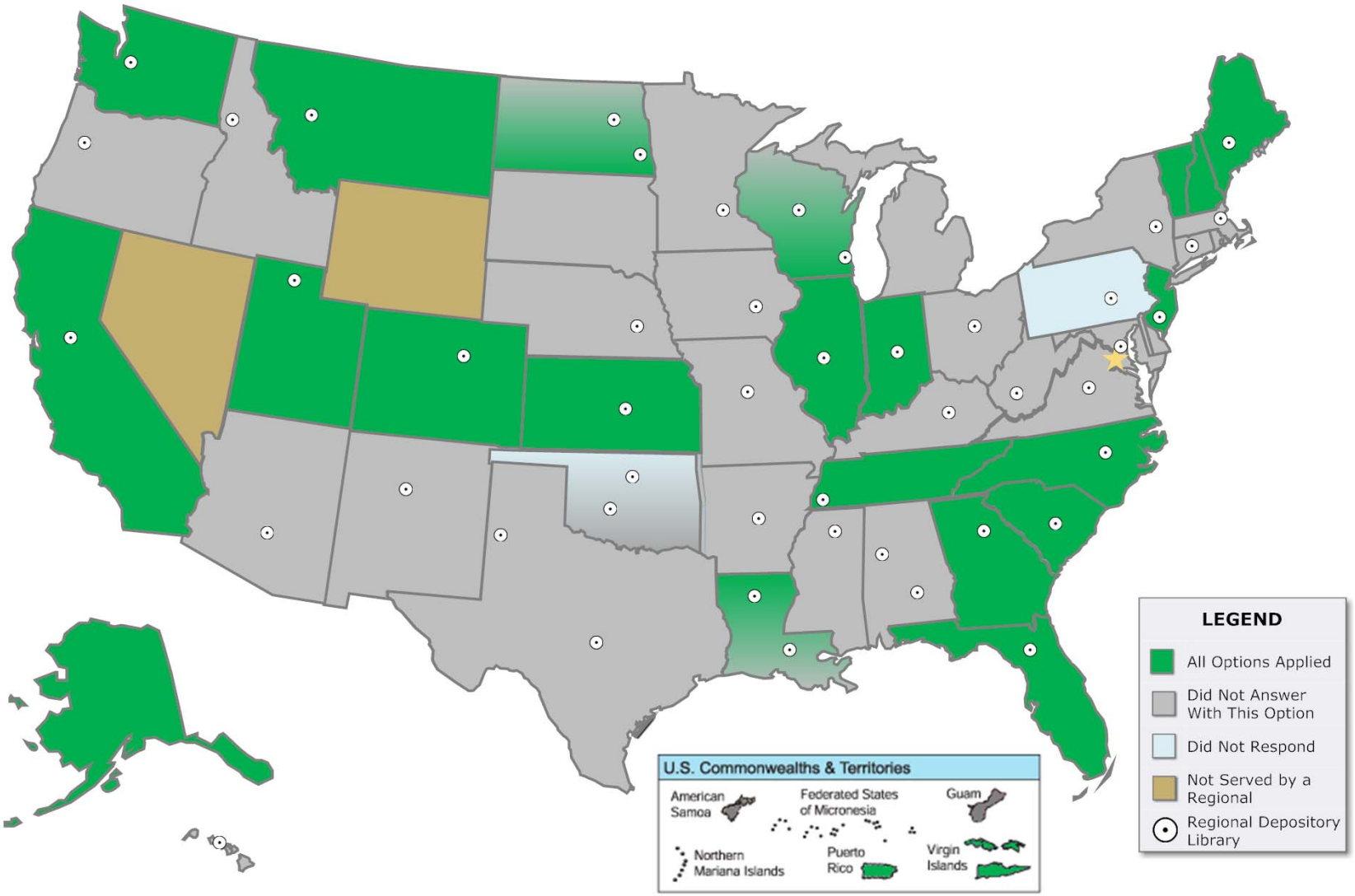
All Options Applied



Specific FDsys Collection Data

Top "Wish to Retain" Titles

- Statutes at Large (43)
- Congressional Record, Bound (39)
- Public Papers of the Presidents (39)
- Watergate Records, Special Prosecution (39)
- United States Code (39)
- JFK Assassination Records (39)
- Constitution of the U.S.: Analysis and Interpretation (37)
- U.S. Government Manual (37)

Top "Wish to Discard" Titles

- Commerce Business Daily (17)
- Congressional Record, Daily (14)
- DOI Inspector General Reports (13)
- GAO Reports and Comptroller General Decisions (13)
- Congressional Record Index, Daily (12)
- GPO Style Manual (12)
- Legislative Calendars (11)
- Privacy Act Issuances (11)
- Public and Private Laws (11)

Next Steps

- Determine process and procedures necessary for implementing the draft policy
- Submit the draft proposal to the JCP for approval
- Develop the Federal Information Preservation Network
- Continue to work on the inventory
- Explore authentication and ingest options for FDL digitized content

Questions? Comments?
Or, if you think of something later...

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