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GPO Offers Printing Contractors Paperless Billing System

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The new system functions through a bar code cover sheet that is used to identify, index, and control the invoices. The bar coding greatly reduces the possibility of data entry errors and speeds scheduling of payments.

Contractors can now fax their invoices and supporting documentation to GPO 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This billing option saves postage and helps contractors get paid faster. Contractors also know immediately if the fax has been delivered to GPO.

GPO's contractors can find detailed instructions on how to use the system and the fax phone number at: <http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode>. Before the first invoice is faxed to GPO, contractors are encouraged to call GPO at 202-512-2073 so that the first transmission can be monitored. This will help assure that the contractor's implementation is operating properly.

GPO Provides Printing Expertise to D.C. Government

During the year, GPO designed and produced a large suite of materials promoting the D.C. Government's Tuition Assistance Grant Program (TAGP). Over 20 high-quality products were delivered on-time under very tight deadlines. The D.C. Government has ordered even more products for the second phase of the campaign. The campaign creates an awareness of TAGP, which provides college tuition money to D.C. high school graduates and residents.

GPO's design team used a colorful grid of photos and text blocks that created a unifying appearance for all the campaign material describing the TAGP. The centerpiece of the campaign was the application form, a booklet with separate cover that had to be made available in an online version and in print. Other pieces included both English and Spanish versions of a brochure and a flyer, a postcard, a poster for use in schools, a poster for use in Metro trains and buses, stationery, a bumper sticker, banners, and poster enlargements for use at the kickoff press conference and at exhibits.

GPO's Printing Procurement Department handled the procurement of what was almost entirely four-color printing. The Postscript Section in GPO's Production Department produced about 20 large posters for the Mayor's press conference, and GPO's Binding Division mounted the posters on foam-core board for display.