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GPO ADVANCES STRATEGIC VISION

WASHINGTON--The U.S. Government Printing Office is moving forward with accomplishing the goals outlined in the *GPO's Strategic Vision for the 21st Century* with the creation of two new business lines headed by seasoned managers that will benefit the public and library partners.

Ric Davis will lead Library Services and Content Management. Davis, a 14-year veteran of GPO, will coordinate and administer a variety of GPO initiatives, including the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), the Cataloging and Indexing Program, the International Exchange Service, and the ByLaw Program. Additionally, Davis will manage the National Collection and National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications, and *GPO Access* (www.gpoaccess.gov), GPO's award-winning Web site that is the leading source of free, official Government information.

Kevin O'Toole will direct Publication and Information Sales. O'Toole will oversee GPO's Publication & Information Strategic Business Unit and coordinate the daily operations of three offices: Sales Planning & Development; Sales Services & Outreach; and Sales Support. O'Toole will also manage GPO's relationships with wholesale and retail businesses, book dealers, publishers, and libraries. O'Toole has held senior positions at the U.S. General Services Administration and the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

With the appointment of two experienced managers to oversee the day-to-day operations of these departments, Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell, who continues with overall policy guidance and strategy responsibilities for these two units, will now focus her efforts on expanding the development of a new model for the FDLP in cooperation with Congress and GPO's library partners.

"The FDLP is one of the most unique and useful resources offered by the Government to provide the American public with permanent public access of U.S. Government information," said Bruce James, Public Printer of the United States. "Judy will take the principles that our Founding Fathers envisioned when they established the program in 1813, and embrace the new and emerging technologies of today to propel it forward into a program of the future."

The FDLP was established by Congress to ensure the American public has free access to Government information through the 1,266 Federal depository libraries across the country, as well as the Internet through www.GPOAccess.gov.

"I look forward to taking the groundwork developed in collaboration with our library partners and spending more of my time working with the community to achieve a successful model that will serve the people of this country well," said Russell.

The GPO's core mission is to ensure the American public's access to Government information. It is the Federal Government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published Government information in all forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. For more information, please visit www.gpo.gov.

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