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GPO AND KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM OPEN FREE PUBLIC GATEWAY TO ONLINE FEDERAL INFORMATION

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) announces a second "gateway" site in the State of Washington giving the public access to many of the Nation's most important Federal documents via an Internet connection or a telephone call.

The GPO Access services, including the ***Congressional Record, Federal Register, Congressional Bills, Code of Federal Regulations, Commerce Business Daily, Constitution of the United States of America***, other Federal databases and Internet locator services, are now available to off-site users on the same day of publication through the King County Library System Gateway. The library, one in the Nation's system of nearly 1,400 Federal depository libraries, is offering public access to the GPO databases as part of an expanding gateway program.

"We believe the public should have timely access to vital information about the activities of their Government without charge," says head of the GPO, Public Printer Michael F. DiMario. "Further, it is our goal to establish local outlets to the GPO electronic system in every State. We want these important Government publications available to the American public around the clock, 7 days a week."

The King County Library System Gateway is the 43d gateway covering 31 States and the District of Columbia. Users may access the King County Library Gateway through a telnet session to <198.104.1.63>; Type kcls (in lowercase) to login to the King County Library System InfoNet. Enter terminal type and hit q (quit) at the System Messages screen. Hit return at the Directory of Online Resources screen; select Internet Gateway at the InfoNet Main Menu. On the KCLS Gateway screen, choose GPO Access. Users with a personal computer, a phone modem, and telecommunications software may connect from home or office by dialing 206-382-2116 and follow the instructions listed above. Users of the King County Library Gateway

may search the databases as frequently as they like, without charge. For local user support, contact KCLS Community Relations Office at 206-684-6605.

The GPO Access databases are also available for free electronic searching at some 1,300 of the Nation's depository libraries under the "GPO Access" program authorized by law and launched in June 1994.

On December 1, 1995, the GPO announced the free use of its award-winning GPO Access online service. All Internet and dial-in users can now use the GPO Access databases at no charge. This is made possible through the congressional funding of the Federal Depository Library Program, at a time when more and more citizens are receiving their information by computer.

Inquiries about the availability of GPO Access services should be directed to the GPO Access User Support Team at 1-888-293-6498 (toll free) or 202-512-1530 (local); Fax: 202-512-1262; or Internet e-mail: <gpoaccess@gpo.gov>. Questions about the service can also be directed to a nearby Federal Depository Library. Written information about the GPO Access and GPO products and services can be obtained via U.S. Fax Watch, the GPO's fax-on-demand service, by dialing 202-512-1716.