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Federal Depository Library of the Year Announced: Benton Harbor Public Library



GPO officials present the Federal Depository Library of the Year Award to the Benton Harbor Public Library. From left to right, Ric Davis, GPO's Director of Library Services & Content Management; Bruce James, Public Printer of the United States; Fred Kirby, Benton Harbor Public Library Director; and Judy Russell, Superintendent of Documents.

The U.S. Government Printing Office has selected Michigan's Benton Harbor Public Library as the 2006 Federal Depository Library of the Year. Public Printer Bruce James presented the award to library officials October 22 at the annual Federal Depository Library Conference. In presenting the award, James commended the library for providing the residents of its community with online access to authentic published Government information.

"I am honored to present this award to the Benton Harbor Public Library. Our partnership with the Federal Depository Library is an example of how GPO and local libraries can help communities across the country access authentic published Government information," said James. "I am especially glad to see the library using the far-reaching benefits of the Web to post Federal Government documents that residents can download electronically."

Benton Harbor Public Library is in an economically challenged area and used limited funds to ensure Federal Government resources are used to their full potential. Michigan's United States Senators are proud of what a library in their home state was able to accomplish.

"I commend the Benton Harbor Public Library staff not only for its commitment to providing citizens with access to a wide range of Government resources, but also for presenting these resources in a manner that so directly meets the needs of the community," said U.S. Senator Carl Levin.

"Great things are happening because of great people in Benton Harbor. I'm so proud to represent them," said U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow. "This award is very special and very well deserved. I want to congratulate Fred

Kirby, our great director of the library, and his staff."

Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, in a letter congratulating the library on the award, noted that "the staff at Benton Harbor Public Library are showing your community how to navigate, use and ultimately leverage primary source materials where they can arguably do the most good and where--without the commitment of the library to offer such materials--they would otherwise be unavailable to many people. This award is a testament to your library staff's passion for information and commitment to your community. On behalf of the people of Michigan, whom you serve so very well, please accept my congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate this much deserved recognition."

Depository Library Meeting Attracts Varied Audience

Five hundred nine depository librarians and other information professionals attended the 69th Depository Library Council meeting and 16th Federal Depository Library Conference, held in Washington DC on October 22-25, 2006. Academic libraries were heavily represented, with 255 registrants, and staff from public, law, and special libraries, as well as other information organizations, made up the remainder. One-fifth of the participants

were attending for the first time. Presentations by 64 speakers from the depository community and from government agencies covered many issues and developments affecting the Federal Depository Library Program. The conference proceedings are posted at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/06fall/index.html

Redesign of Browse Topics Web Site Underway

GPO and Oklahoma State University (OSU) are pleased to announce that a redesign of the Browse Topics Web site is underway. This redesign continues GPO's and OSU's successful partnership to create topical pathfinders to electronic Federal Government information. The new Browse Topics Web site includes an updated list of topical pathfinders grouped by subject and allows users to search by keyword across all topics. The new site will also increase opportunities to contribute listings to a topic by eliminating the need to code the entries in HTML. While the redesigned Browse Topics Web site will

be hosted on a GPO server, OSU will continue to act as the administrator of the service and the point of contact for all Browse Topics contributors. Barbara Miller of OSU and Karen Sieger of GPO demonstrated a beta version of the new site during Federal Depository Library Conference. The beta version of the new Browse Topics will be released to the Federal depository library community via FDLP-L shortly. The current Browse Topics site is at: <http://www.library.okstate.edu/govdocs/browsetopics/>

Last Shipping List Numbers for FY2006

The Fiscal Year 2006 Shipping Lists end with the following numbers:

Electronic	2006-0028-E
Microfiche	2006-0303-M
Paper	2006-0348-P
Separates	2006-0035-S

Remarks by Judy Russell Superintendent of Documents

**Fall Meeting, Depository Library Council
Washington, DC
October 23, 2006**

I am pleased to join Bill [Sudduth, Chair of the Depository Library Council] in welcoming you once again to our Nation's Capitol and to this 69th meeting of the Depository Library Council.

I am delighted that so many of you have made the effort to be here. As of Friday, there were over 490 people registered for this meeting, and another 30 registered on site yesterday, so we have an excellent turnout. And based on the "Council Aerobics," we have a good representation of library types and sizes and various parts of the country.

Nevertheless, I am (as always) conscious that many of our colleagues were not able to be here with us. I urge you to take home all that you learn from this conference and share it with others in your institution and in your community. It is important that we engage the entire depository library community and, in fact, the entire library community in these discussions since other libraries throughout the country rely on depository collections and services. We will be posting the GPO Update, the presentations and other handouts, and we are recording the sessions so we can make them available as podcasts, but your personal engagement will be the most important means to make sure that we are communicating effectively about the issues and ideas that are discussed here.

We have heard from Bruce [James, Public Printer of the United States] about the progress of GPO and public access to US

Federal information. We have been enlightened by Carol Tullo's [Director of the Office of Public Sector Information for the United Kingdom, <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>] description of how the UK is unlocking the potential of public sector information. We have been challenged by José-Maria Griffiths' [Professor & Dean, School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill] remarks on the cyber infrastructure and the future roles of librarians and information professionals in this new environment. All three speakers have given us a lot to think about and I am sure that many of the ideas they touched on yesterday will be part of our dialog over the next few days.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our newest Federal Depository Library of the Year. For those of you that were not here yesterday, I would like to announce that the Benton Harbor Public Library in Benton Harbor, Michigan was chosen for this honor.

We all know that many patrons come into the library seeking information, not necessarily knowing that their question can be answered using government information. I want to read a brief passage from the nomination that demonstrates how Benton Harbor Public Library addresses that issue: "In asking not 'What source might be useful?' but 'What government source might be useful?', the library ensures that Federal government resources are used to their full potential to

help the local community.” Please join me again in congratulating Fred Kirby and Jill Rauh on the excellent job that they are doing serving their community. Benton Harbor Public Library exemplifies the very real contribution that a depository library with minimal resources and considerable dedication can make in a community. [The press release is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/news/2006/06news30.pdf>.]

It is not too early for you to be thinking about your library or another library that you would like to nominate for the award next year.

With me this morning is Ric Davis, Director of Library Services & Content Management, who is going to give you an update on the major projects that support the FDLP and Cataloging and Indexing program. He will be followed by Bob Tapella, GPO’s Chief of Staff, who is going to give you an update on key initiatives from other parts of GPO.

As always, we have a full agenda – and you have lots of choices in addition to the Council sessions. There are agency updates, GPO operational open forums, and a variety of other educational programs. There are also some excellent tours on Wednesday afternoon.

First time attendees are reminded that Council is an advisory body and, as such, its purpose is to advise the Public Printer and Superintendent of Documents. This is done primarily through the dialog that you will observe during the Council sessions. We reserve a portion of the time in each session for audience participation, and provide a variety of other means for the members of the community to share their points of view with GPO and Council members. We welcome that input and actively seek it, but the Council

sessions are meetings of an advisory body and should be understood as such.

This is my 8th, and final, meeting with the Council as Superintendent of Documents. Bruce and I have met with Council in Reno, St. Louis, Albuquerque, Seattle and four times here in Washington, DC (though I was only here in spirit for the meeting last fall because my mother was in the hospital). These meetings have been important milestones of my tenure as Superintendent of Documents, providing an opportunity to discuss our options, debate the issues set a course of action and assess our progress.

There were 15 individuals already serving on the Council when I became Superintendent of Documents, and four additional classes have been appointed, including the one that begins its service with this meeting. (We have actually been putting them to work since their appointments were announced last spring.) These thirty-five individuals have invested their time, energy and expertise in a dialog with GPO and with the depository community on the future roles of GPO and federal depository libraries in public access to government information. If there are Council members from the earlier classes in the audience, please stand. Please join me in thanking the current and former Council members for their service.

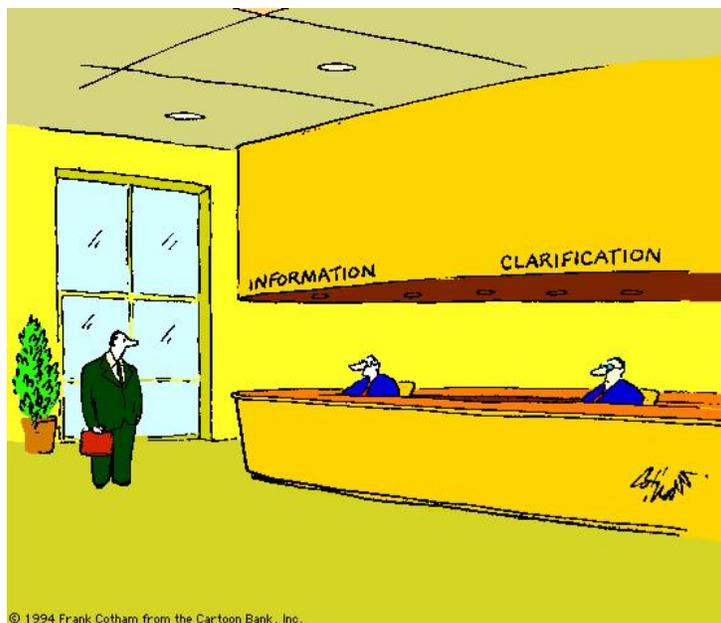
The primary theme in all of these meetings (and many others in which I have participated since becoming Superintendent of Documents) has been planning for the future, and this Council meeting is no exception. During the next few days we will continue the exploration of the issues and opportunities that we must address to make sure that the Federal Depository Library Program is as vital to the nation in the next hundred years as it has been for the past 200 years. Our common goal throughout this dialog has been

to reaffirm the important mission of the Federal Depository Library Program and seek to ensure that there continues to be a viable and vital program for permanent public access that acknowledges and utilizes new technologies to support democracy and inform our users.

We continue to build on the foundation of common principles, acknowledging that the Federal Government has the obligation to disseminate and provide broad public access to its published information, as well as to guarantee the authenticity and integrity of this information. And, furthermore, that the Government has an obligation to preserve its

information and assure permanent public access.

Our common vision is to serve the public by increasing access to, and usefulness of, published Federal information. To provide, not just information, but (as the cartoon shows) clarification! I saw this cartoon at the ARL meeting last week. Others have used it as well as a humorous way to emphasize the essential role of the library – and its expert staff – to assist users who frequently find “good enough” information through Google and other search engines, but often need the expertise of our library staff to make that information meaningful and useful when it really matters.



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In the future, even more than it does today, the public will insist upon timely, continuous, permanent, no-fee access to published information from its Government. The public will rely on depository libraries for services that facilitate informed use of published Federal information in all available formats and to provide access to tangible collections –

and the public will expect 24/7 access to a comprehensive online collection of published Federal information. The Future Digital System that is now under development will ensure such a collection, curated and authenticated by GPO, is available for permanent public access. (During the next session, Mike Wash, our Chief Technical

Officer, will update you on our progress on the development of this world class system to ingest, manage, deliver and preserve digital content.)

By law and tradition, the Federal Depository Library Program has the mission to provide for the perpetual, free and ready public access to the printed and electronic documents, and other published information products, of the Federal government through the partnership between the U.S. Government Printing Office and the participating libraries.

To paraphrase GPO's Strategic Vision, "while this mission will remain essentially the same in the future, the introduction of digital technology has changed the ways Government information products and services will be created and how they will look and function to meet the ever changing needs of the Federal government itself and the way public users of Government information now prefer to access and use it."

It is the refocusing of the Federal Depository Library Program to meet the changing requirements for access to the published information of the Federal government that we continue to address as a community – and we have made significant progress in the past four years. Not only has GPO issued its *Strategic Vision for the 21st Century*, but together we have reviewed and discussed dozens (sometimes it seems like thousands) of briefing papers and white papers on a variety of topics of importance to our future.

Tomorrow morning the Council will conduct a session on its vision document, culminating

18 months of work by Council members and others from the community. It has been a labor of love and an enormous effort to pull together all the threads of this complex and rapidly changing environment and they are to be commended for their efforts. This document will be an important part of the foundation as we continue to work together to design, build and manage the Federal Depository Library Program of the future.

As always, we have a lot to cover in the next two and half days, and I am looking forward to some lively and informative discussions. Many of these topics will continue to be on the agenda for the spring meeting in Denver (April 15-18, 2007). I hope many of you will be able to attend that meeting as well.

There may be a new Superintendent of Documents with you in Denver, but whether or not my successor is in place, Ric and his very capable staff are well prepared to continue our progress on the near term initiatives that are already planned or underway as well as to continue the dialog with the Council and the community to determine what else needs to be done to ensure the future of permanent public access to government information.

With that, I am going to turn the microphone over to Ric Davis. We will take your questions and comments after he and Bob Tapella complete their presentations. Thank you very much for your attention this morning, for your participation during the next few days – and especially for your support and assistance during the past four years.

Remarks by Ric Davis

Director, Library Services and Content Management

**Fall Meeting, Depository Library Council
Washington, DC
October 23, 2006**

I want to first take the opportunity to welcome all of you to this year's Fall Depository Library Council Meeting. It is so great to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new ones.

I am Ric Davis, and I serve as the Director of Library Services and Content Management. I am entering my 15th year of Government service at GPO, and I am fortunate that most of that time has been spent working on issues related to the Federal Depository Library Program.

As you know, the Federal Depository Library Program is integral to keeping the American public informed about their Government, and I want to commend you all on your continued dedication and commitment to this critical service.

There are a lot of exciting initiatives underway in Library Services and Content Management, and today, I'd like to share some of them with you. I encourage you all to take this information home with you, and share it with your colleagues and patrons.

As many of you know, we recently went through an extensive reorganization, and I am pleased to say that we have now filled all 12 of our vacancies for Senior Managers within Library Services and Content Management. Many of these folks and others from the Library unit are here in the audience today, and I have asked them to sit on the front row so you may easily find them.

In addition to the reorganization, we have also taken on an innovative and disciplined approach to project management. We have spent a significant amount of time reviewing and analyzing all of our initiatives and applying the principles of project management to each of them.

Each project is now examined from the standpoint of stakeholders, objectives, goals, scope, and resources. For each new initiative, scope statements, project charters, risk management plans, and communication plans are carefully developed, and our staff members monitor the progress of these initiatives by following and modifying these plans closely.

The project management approach helps us to better monitor our progress with each initiative, discover potential problems, and stay on track with project goals. The approach is also integral in assisting us as we collaborate with library partners and other federal agencies, in addition to other business units within GPO.

Before I begin to address specific initiatives within Library Services and Content Management, I'd like to remind everyone about the GPO Operational Open Forums that will be held on Tuesday, October 24th. The first one will be at 8:30 am, and the second will take place at 3:30 pm. These sessions will give you an opportunity to ask specific technical and operational questions related to the FDLP and our services. In the past we have typically done one of these sessions, but

we want to give you every opportunity to ask operational questions through these two sessions.

In referring to another session of note, GPO is working to devise a data migration strategy to ensure that the content of the CD-ROMs that have been distributed to depository libraries remains accessible. There will be a session on CD-ROM data migration this afternoon at 3:30. A panel will present information on projects to ensure continued access to content of CD-ROMs underway in several depository libraries.

Now I'd like to take some time to mention key initiatives that are being addressed and worked on in Library Services and Content Management.

First, we have made some *GPO Access* upgrades of note. We are finalizing a server consolidation as an interim resolution as we are working to replace WAIS. This is not an ultimate solution, but it should provide improved search functionality while we are working toward a permanent *GPO Access* search solution through the Future Digital System.

During this process, we certainly value your input, thoughts, and opinions. Each day, we are actively engaged in testing the *GPO Access* Web site, so that we may identify current issues and resolve them promptly. If you come across problems, either with search functionality or with the data that is retrieved, we ask that you submit an inquiry to us.

We have also assembled a cross-agency team to collaborate on a re-design of the FDLP Desktop, *GPO Access*, and *gpo.gov*. This is part of a large-scale effort to improve the functionality and user-friendliness of all of GPO's online services. This team is working together to modify GPO's existing services so

that they are as intuitive and useful as possible.

At tomorrow's GPO Online Services Open Forum at 10:30, an FDLP Desktop re-design will be demonstrated, as well as a re-design of the Browse Topics feature on *GPO Access*. The FDLP Desktop re-design was developed in an effort to improve the ease of use and functionality of the current site, and we really look forward to collecting your thoughts and impressions of the re-design. The Browse Topics re-design continues GPO's and Oklahoma State University's successful partnership to create topical pathfinders to electronic Federal Government information. The new and improved Browse Topics includes an updated list grouped by subject and allows users to search by keyword across all topics. The new site will also increase opportunities to contribute listings to topics by eliminating the need to code the entries in HTML.

Regarding our efforts to more fully develop a disaster recovery site, GPO has awarded a contract in the past two weeks to Creative Information Technology Inc. to forward *GPO Access* data to the disaster recovery solution. The functionality of the failover site will be continually enhanced during the term of the six-month contract as applications are parsed and transmitted to the failover site. The critical feature of this contract is that it will migrate applications to a consistent dataset building on our current disaster recovery options.

Not only are we working on various *GPO Access* upgrades, but we are also working to improve the way we collect and compile statistics to share with you. The Library unit uses performance metrics as a key part of project management.

A Working Group has been developed, and weekly meetings are held for the discussion of implementation issues and updates. Team members have been assigned defining terms and metrics calculations, and a reporting mechanism has been developed. Additionally, a database has also been developed to capture metrics, and statistical data is being captured from each office. Initial metrics reports have been produced and circulated, and currently, GPO staff are analyzing the feedback from the initial reports.

We plan to make these metrics reports publicly available, and hope to release them within the next couple of months.

You also may have noticed a larger number of boxes coming in lately from our Depository Distribution unit. We are pleased to say that we are now completely caught up on the backlog of what needed to be distributed. We are also in the process of bringing in four additional employees from our Laurel warehouse, to help with staffing and one additional vacancy is presently in the process of being backfilled.

We have also made some exciting progress in our Digitization Demonstration Project efforts. GPO is currently conducting a demonstration project for the digitization of legacy publications. Priorities for digitization include legislative and regulatory material that expands the coverage of the most popular *GPO Access* databases. We will conduct an evaluation of this work that is being done by our Digital Media Services group at GPO in December and subsequently share the results with the library community. The key objectives of this are to validate our digitization specifications and demonstrate quality, accessibility, and permanence of content based on the specifications.

Library Services and Content Management staff have participated in a number of outreach activities of note.

Recently, our Director of Collection Management and Preservation, Robin Haun-Mohamed, presented at the International Conference on the Preservation of Digital Objects, held at Cornell University. She, along with Gil Baldwin from the Chief Technical Officer's organization, spoke on the preservation of Federal digital publications.

Staff in our Planning and Development group attended the first meeting of the Great Western Librarian Association and the Center for Research Libraries Federal Technical Reports Taskforce in Chicago at the Center for Research Libraries. The taskforce is conducting a pilot project to digitize and provide access to Federal technical reports. GPO was asked to share information on our digitization demonstration project and cataloging efforts.

Library Technical Information Services staff have also given several presentations on the Catalog of Government Publications at the request of depository libraries.

In relation to outreach, a new, distance learning tool is also on the horizon. GPO recently conducted a test of a live, online training session using OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries). OPAL is an international collaborative effort by libraries of all types to provide Web-based programs and training for library users and library staff members. 39 librarians participated in the test, and GPO staff are evaluating the group's comments and suggestions to engage in further collaboration with all of you and make decisions about the use of a Web-based training tool for the FDLP community. The value of such a tool would be in allowing

depository staff and others to participate in educational events which they could not otherwise attend, either during the live session or later, using the training archives. Events under consideration include educational sessions at the Federal Depository Library Conference and the Interagency Seminar, as well as sessions on specific FDLP topics and issues.

Also relating to outreach, GPO extended its partnership with Case Western Reserve University and the Census Bureau through 2011. This partnership ensures that electronic information products from the 2000 Census of Population and Housing (Census 2000) are permanently accessible under the auspices of the Federal Depository Library Program.

Many of you have recently been inquiring about the new Federal Depository Library Handbook. Work is continuing, and chapters on GPO organization, public services, preservation, housing, staffing, partnerships, and disaster preparedness and recovery were posted for public comment on the FDLP Desktop. GPO staff are currently reviewing the comments, and these chapters will be finalized soon. Additional chapters, including regional services and federal libraries, will also be posted for comment in the near future.

Next, I wanted to update everyone on GPO's pilot project to automatically harvest online Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publications. This was a collaboration between the Chief Technical Officer's organization, Library Services and Content Management, EPA, and two vendors. Our goal for the pilot was to learn about available methodologies and technologies for automated Web discovery, assessment, and harvesting of U.S. Government publications.

The pilot recently concluded, and we are very pleased with the amount of knowledge and experience that was gained. Based on our

explanation of the characteristics and parameters of online in-scope publications, the vendors wrote rules and instructions for the harvesting tools which first identified publications and then evaluated them to determine if they are EPA publications within scope of the FDLP. Accuracy in identifying in-scope publications improved greatly between the three crawls. We have numerous ideas on how to improve the accuracy rate, and we will continue to investigate automated harvesting in order to further develop requirements and specifications for the harvesting function to be implemented within FDsys. We are also currently investigating technical services workflow options to catalog and classify harvested EPA publications that have not already been cataloged. For a more in depth discussion on Harvesting, please attend the Council Session on Web Harvesting, being held today at 1:30 pm.

Regarding our Integrated Library System, we are near release on a significant enhancement. There are two parts to the enhancement, one for New Titles and one for New Electronic titles. These both provide dynamic, pre-defined searches to retrieve newly cataloged titles by specific time periods.

The Library directory is under development, which is part of the Locate Libraries administrative module. This will allow libraries to input and edit their depository's library directory information. Libraries and the public will also be able to search directory information for all depository libraries. Phase 2 ILS planning is underway, to include implementation of MetaLib (federated searching capability).

I want to thank you for your time and attention today, and again encourage you to attend as many of our educational programs as you can.

[HANDOUT FROM FALL COUNCIL MEETING]

GPO Depository Library Council Update October 2006

2006 FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

GPO has selected the recipient of the 2006 Federal Depository Library of the Year Award. The chosen library will be announced at an awards ceremony on Sunday, October 22 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. in the Ticonderoga/York/Valley Forge rooms at the Hyatt Regency, during the fall 2006 Depository Library Conference and meeting of the Depository Library Council. A reception will follow the presentation. The award provides special recognition for a library that furthers the goals of the Federal Depository Library Program by ensuring that the American public has free access to its Government's information through:

1. Outstanding service to meet the Federal government information needs in the library's service area
2. Creativity and innovation in developing specific community programs for use of Federal government information or a dramatic increase in their community's usage of Federal government information
3. Leadership in creating public service programs that can be emulated by other Federal Depository Libraries

It's not too early to be thinking of deserving libraries to nominate for the 2007 Federal Depository Library of the Year. The recommendation form will be made available in January 2007.

INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM (ILS)

The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) continues to move forward in providing public access to Federal government publications. As of October 2, more than 8,524,000 successful requests have been made of the CGP since its launch in March, for an average of 41,196 per day.

GPO staff continue to work on Phase 2 rollouts, including enhanced New Titles functionality; implementation of federated searching across Federal government information resources with Ex Libris' MetaLib; setup of Z39.50 services so that depository libraries can search the Catalog of Government Publications (CGP) and retrieve bibliographic record sets; and completion of the development of the Locate Libraries administrative module, which will not only enable depositories to edit their directory information, but also provide a publicly accessible interface to search directory information for all depositories. Additional information about the CGP and continuing ILS initiatives can be found at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/cip/index.html

FDsys UPDATE

GPO is transforming from a print-centric agency to one that delivers Federal information products and services from a digital platform. The Future Digital System (FDsys) will enable GPO to better manage digital content and provide multiple outputs, including print.

On August 2, 2006, GPO awarded a contract for Master Integrator (MI) services. An MI is a contractor responsible for collaborating with GPO to design, develop, and deploy the technologies and applications that will comprise FDsys. As the FDsys MI, the contractor will integrate technologies and applications together to deliver a fully functional system. The MI will also assist GPO with system testing and training.

In early 2007, the first internal system release will be launched. This will be a pilot of core capabilities, the primary purpose being to validate that the correct selection has been made for the Content Management System (CMS).

The first public release of FDsys will be in August 2007. This release will build upon the capabilities of the pilot. In addition, it calls for both a primary hosting site and a backup site that are geographically separated. All content and metadata will be replicated from the primary site to the backup site.

This past June, the FDsys team established the Interagency Council for Digital Content Submission (ICDCS) for Federal agency customers. The goals of ICDCS are to validate FDsys requirements, uncover new requirements, stimulate communication between the various departments within agencies that may be affected by FDsys (print, Web, and IT departments), and provide opportunities for beta testing FDsys components and interfaces.

For more information on FDsys, go to:
http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys_documents.htm

DISASTER RECOVERY

GPO has awarded a disaster recovery contract that will result in the migration of all Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) data. This

data consists of approximately 2,800 databases across more than 40 applications. Objectives of the contract will include providing a complete backup system to assure availability to all of GPO's web services. GPO has completed the first phase of its disaster recovery project, which includes initial high availability and distributed content delivery for portions of GPO Access applications.

This contract will migrate the remaining applications to a consistent dataset that will enable indexed searchable data in a non-proprietary format, as well as enhanced components and features for GPO Access applications. This also will assist GPO in developing a streamlined workflow using current search engine technology for its online data dissemination.

WEB DISCOVERY AND HARVESTING

GPO's six-month pilot project to harvest online Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publications automatically has concluded. This was a collaborative project implemented by GPO, EPA, and two vendors. The goal for the pilot was to learn about available methodologies and technologies for automated Web discovery, assessment, and harvesting of U.S. Government publications within the scope of GPO's information dissemination programs.

Overall, GPO has been very pleased with the amount of knowledge and experience gained during the pilot. The results of the pilot are still being analyzed, but they have already generated numerous ideas about how to improve upon the accuracy of the harvests. A paper on the results of the pilot will be published in November. GPO will conduct another pilot to continue development of automated publication harvesting tools and methodologies in preparation for full implementation within FDsys. GPO already

has all of the digital content from the pilot. Our goal is to catalog in-scope publications harvested from this pilot, starting with an investigation of the results of the automated

comparison between the third crawl results with the EPA records in the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications.

Preliminary 3rd crawl results	Vendor 1	Vendor 2
Documents determined to be in scope by harvester tool	83,229	239,478

- Documents as reported above are Web page files, which may consist of a complete publication, or part of a publication, such as a chapter or appendix.
- The third crawl included the “surface Web” and 7 “deep Web” resources.

To learn more about the pilot, please attend the session on Monday, October 23 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Ticonderoga/York/Valley Forge rooms.

AUTHENTICATION

GPO is engaged in a major authentication initiative designed to assure users that the information made available by GPO is official and authentic and that trust relationships exist between all participants in electronic transactions. This authentication initiative, which employs Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) technology, will allow users to determine that the files are unchanged since GPO authenticated them.

GPO is procuring the necessary tools and capabilities to automate the application of digital signatures on Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files.

Approximately 85 percent of the content on GPO Access has PDF files available. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in late 2005, the resulting bids were evaluated, and a contract award was made in early October.

Authentication will begin after the installation and testing of the tool.

DIGITIZATION OF LEGACY PUBLICATIONS

GPO is currently conducting a demonstration project for the digitization of legacy

publications. Priorities for digitization include legislative and regulatory material that expands the coverage of the most popular GPO Access databases. GPO will conduct an assessment of its digitization pilot in December and subsequently share the results with the library community.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/index.html>

GPO is seeking donations of the following titles: Public and Private Laws, 101st and 102nd Congress; and various U.S. Reports from 1990 to the present. To see a complete listing, go to:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/donations.html>

For publication donations or further information, please contact the Office of Archival Management at (202) 512-1187, or via askGPO at:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/help>

FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY HANDBOOK

Volunteers from the depository library community have worked diligently to create draft chapters for the new Federal Depository Library Handbook. This new Handbook will combine and update the existing Federal

Depository Library Manual and Instructions to Depository Libraries into one online document. The draft chapters are posted on the Handbook web page at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/handbook/index.html

Comments on draft chapters 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are being reviewed and incorporated as appropriate. Chapter 12 was sent out for review by regional libraries and the comments are being reviewed. Chapter 15 was sent to Federal libraries and the comments are being reviewed. GPO staff has nearly completed the edits for Chapters 5, 6, and 7. All chapters will be posted for comment as they become available. Please use the web form on the Handbook web page to submit comments. GPO's goal is to post final versions of the majority of chapters by the end of 2006.

CD-ROM DATA MIGRATION

GPO is working with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and others to devise a data migration strategy to ensure that the content of the CD-ROMs that have been distributed to depository libraries remains accessible. There will be an education session on CD-ROM data migration on Monday, October 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Columbia B. A panel will present information on projects to ensure continued access to content of CD-ROMs in three depository libraries.

LOCKSS

Twenty-one libraries participated in the GPO LOCKSS pilot project that began in June 2005. The final report on the project is nearly complete and should be released later this fall. Measures of success for LOCKSS include harvesting 10 e-journals from Federal Government Web sites, providing access to those e-journals via LOCKSS, and collecting information from pilot partners about their experiences with LOCKSS.

For more information, go to:

http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/lockss

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Annual Interagency Depository Seminar
The 2007 Annual Interagency Depository Seminar will be held July 30-August 3, in Washington, DC. The free seminar, open to depository library staff, provides an opportunity for both new and experienced documents personnel to review basic materials and learn about new products directly from Federal agency staff. Tours of Federal agency libraries are included. Registration and hotel reservation information will be announced on the GPO-FDLP-L listserv and on the FDLP desktop: www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html

Spring Depository Library Council Meeting
The Spring 2007 Depository Library Council Meeting will be held April 15-18 in Denver, CO, at the Adams Mark Hotel. Registration and hotel reservation information will be announced on the GPO-FDLP-L listserv and on the FDLP desktop: www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html

The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will cover current issues concerning Federal Government information and the FDLP.

DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER STATISTICS

During FY 2006 (October 2005 - September 2006), GPO distributed a total of 4,900,043 tangible copies of 10,070 titles (this includes print, microfiche, CD's and DVD's). This is an increase of 663,721 tangible copies and 859 titles, compared to FY 2005, when GPO distributed 4,236,322 tangible copies of 9,211 titles.

USGS map distribution during FY 2006 included 681 titles and 72,018 copies; the totals are lower than those for FY 2005, when 2587 titles and 314,702 copies were distributed. The drop was due to internal distribution changes at USGS, which caused delayed delivery during FY 2006. GPO expects to see increased distribution early in FY 2007. For FY 2006, 11,414 bibliographic records, up from 10,452 in FY 2005, and 11,083 PURLs were created, of which 6,619 are links to publications on agency web sites, up from 8,441 in FY 2005.

As of August 2006, 93 percent of depository titles distributed were available online and only 8 percent of depository titles distributed were tangible-only, with no electronic equivalent. About 25 percent of the titles distributed were available online and in one or more tangible formats.

GPO ACCESS STATISTICS

In FY 2006, 452.4 million documents were retrieved from GPO Access, averaging nearly 37.7 million a month, or 1.2 million per day. Retrievals from GPO Access since its inception in 1994 now total 2.85 billion.

For FY 2006, 16,202 online titles and 6,619 PURL links to agency titles outside of GPO Access were added for a total of 22,821 new online titles on GPO Access. These additions bring the total number of titles on GPO Access to 209,651, and the total number of titles linked from GPO Access to 47,954. In addition, 515,316 titles are available through partnership sites. The total number of titles accessible through GPO Access is 772,921 (total titles on GPO Access, PURL links to agency titles, and partnership titles).

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (SALES)

GPO continues to move towards innovative relationships with the private sector to create new business models for its Sales Program. GPO released a Request for Proposal on April 12, 2006. The submission period closed on Thursday, August 31, 2006, and GPO has reviewed the proposals. Best and final offers are due from the bidders by the end of October, and GPO anticipates contract awards by the end of calendar 2006.

Questions?

If you have questions or comments on any of the content in Administrative Notes, please send them to askGPO, the online help service at:

<http://gpo.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/gpo.cfg/php/enduser/ask.php>

To ensure that your question is routed to the correct area, please choose the category "Federal Depository Libraries" and the appropriate subcategory, if any.

You may also contact the GPO Customer Contact Center at 866-512-1800 (Toll-free), or at 202-512-1800 (DC Metropolitan Area), Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., EST.

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