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Background of Presentation:

The presentation outlined below, delivered by Linda Resler, Manager of Library Technical Services Support, and Laurie Hall, Director of Library Technical Information Services (LTIS), discussed the implementation, as well as the specific features and functionality, of GPO's new Catalog of Government Publications (CGP):

What Is the New CGP?

- It is the public face of GPO's new Integrated Library System (ILS)
 - Ex Libris' Aleph 500 product

Why Is It Called the CGP?

- CGP has been in existence on GPO Access since 1994.
- Based on the public's familiarity with that product, LTIS decided to call the ILS the new Catalog of Government Publications

How Is It Different from the Original CGP?

- It is on a new platform with increased power, features, and functionality
- It contains current and historical bibliographic records added to OCLC by GPO catalogers since July 1976

Special Features and Functions

- Basic Page
 - Default page, developed for use by general public
 - Features "Google-like" search box
- Basic Page Links
 - Includes preferences for display of results, GPO Access homepage, Help document, single-page summary of CGP and its features
- Advanced Search Page
 - Advanced functionality for FDLP libraries, experienced users, and information

experts

- Search bar with multiple options
- Catalogs to Search
 - Provides cross-catalog searching
- My Options
 - Bookshelf
 - Records may be added throughout search session
 - Preferences
 - Same functionality as Basic Page
 - Results List
 - Created when successful query is run
- Previous Searches
 - Allows actions to be performed on results from previous searches
- Expanded Search Options
 - Many are geared to librarians and depository libraries
 - Some examples are Shipping List number, SuDocs number, OCLC number, and LC Class number
- Limit Functionality
 - Provides options to set desired limits on a search before running it
 - Limits can be set on year, format, language, or catalogs
- Search Hints
 - Assist the user in conducting a successful search
 - On every page except Basic Page

Summary:

The new CGP Integrated Library System (ILS) will replace the existing Wide-Area Information Server (WAIS) based Catalog of U. S. Government Publications, which will

no longer be available to the public. The CGP is one component of the new ILS, which will provide:

- functionality for redesigned technical services workflows to replace legacy applications;
- a central location for GPO staff and the public to determine publications which GPO has identified, acquired, cataloged, and linked to;
- timely access; and
- federated searching capabilities across selected resources.