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GPO DIRECTOR OUTLINES AGENCY GOALS BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Washington –The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) Director Davita Vance-Cooks testified before the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives about priorities for the agency in the coming years. Director Vance-Cooks was joined by leaders from the Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol Police, and the Architect of the Capitol at the hearing titled: *Priorities of the House Officers and Legislative Branch Entities for FY 2018 and Beyond*.

GPO's priorities for FY 17-18 and beyond include:

- Sustaining employee engagement
- Modernizing the publishing of Congressional products
- Developing a new cost accounting system emphasizing transparency
- Strengthening our partnership with the Nation's Federal depository libraries
- Automating GPO's print procurement process
- Releasing **govinfo** from beta and retiring FDsys
- Beginning production of the next generation U.S. Passport

"As we look toward FY2018 and beyond, I am pleased to state that the GPO is in a good place," Vance-Cooks reported to the Committee. "We are a publishing operation with a diversified product and services portfolio that focuses on digital. We have an engaged workforce. Our financial position is strong. Our productivity has increased. We have won multiple awards for digital innovation. And we are strategically positioned to meet the demands of digital technology."

Watch full hearing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mb8PwmNws0Q>

Prepared Statement:

https://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/congressional/Prepared_Statement_House_Administration_02.06.2017.pdf

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