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GPO'S GOVINFO MAKES HISTORY BY EARNING GLOBAL CERTIFICATION FOR TRUSTWORTHINESS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) makes history by becoming the first organization in the United States and second organization in the world to achieve the highest global standard of excellence for digital repositories. The Primary Trustworthy Digital Repository Authorization Body Ltd. awarded GPO ISO 16363:2012 for **govinfo**, the one-stop site to authentic, published Government information. GPO achieved the certification by meeting official criteria for trustworthy repositories as defined by experts in the field.

ISO is the International Organization for Standardization and the world's largest developer of international standards used by Government, business and new information technology companies. The standard achieved by GPO outlines the expectations for digital repositories to be certified as "trustworthy," meaning that they are implementing digital preservation practices to ensure long-term preservation and access. Certification under ISO 16363 will provide assurance to the public that **govinfo** is a standards-compliant digital archive in which Government information will be preserved, accessible, and usable into the long-term future. The certification demonstrates that not only the documents themselves, but also the organizational structures and systems around those documents, maintain integrity.

"This certification reconfirms GPO's mission of providing the public authentic, published information on the three branches of the Federal Government," said GPO Acting Deputy Director Herbert H. Jackson, Jr. "I am proud of our employees for attaining this certification, which emphasizes the important work GPO does for our country."

Certification has been a key GPO strategic initiative since 2015. GPO was evaluated against 109 criteria that assessed GPO's organizational infrastructure (adequate staffing, staff knowledge, policies and procedures), digital object management (content management and access), and security risk management (plans in case of a system failure).

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