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GPO EEO OFFICE BECOMES OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

WASHINGTON – U. S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) Equal Employment Opportunity office is now the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity. The name change better reflects the scope of the office’s work and responsibilities. In addition to processing formal complaints, the office provides counseling when disputes arrive, formulates and executes diversity programs, oversees diversity and inclusion trainings, and promotes accurate and respectful communication at GPO.

“For too long, lots of people just viewed this office’s work as processing equal employment complaints, and the reality is that their work goes far beyond complaint management. This office’s name needs to reflect the breadth and depth of their work,” said GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern. “One of our new values is inclusiveness, and this change reflects the importance of that value to our day-to-day operations. This idea came from our EEO team as they were working on their office’s strategic plan, and I am glad to support such a thoughtful change.”

“This name change represents GPO’s commitment to continuing to provide a safe and welcoming work environment for every teammate and customer here at GPO,” said Managing Director, Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity S. Denise Hendricks. “Ongoing inclusiveness often takes education, listening, and willingness to constantly reevaluate our policies and make changes where necessary. I am excited to continue those proactive initiatives in our program.”

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