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GPO SEES SURGE IN USE OF GOVINFO TO ACCESS GOVERNMENT INFORMATION 1.7 billion retrievals in calendar year 2024

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) in 2024 saw a surge in the number of retrievals on <u>GovInfo</u>, the one-stop site for authentic, published information for all three branches of the Federal Government. The site received 1.7 billion downloads of Government information, a 47 percent increase year over year. GPO has now garnered 12.7 billion retrievals of Government information since first making it available online in June 1994.

The most popular collections in 2024 were:

- 1. US Courts Opinions: 375 million retrievals (70 percent increase compared to 2023)
- 2. Congressional Bills: 357 million retrievals (210 percent increase compared to 2023
- 3. Federal Register: 195 million retrievals (370 percent increase compared to 2023)

"We are thrilled to see our collections of Government information continuing to grow in popularity year over year," said GPO Director Hugh Nathanial Halpern. "The large increase in retrievals this year proves GPO is delivering on its vision of an *America Informed*. We encourage all Americans to make use of this free resource."

GPO's digital transformation began in June 1994, when GPO first began making Government information available online with *GPOAccess*. In January 2009, GPO unveiled the next generation system of online Government information with the Federal Digital System (FDsys). GPO launched GovInfo in February 2016 to replace FDsys. In 2019, GPO made history by becoming the first organization in the United

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States and second organization in the world to achieve the highest global standard of excellence possible for digital repositories. This certification reinforces GovInfo as a trustworthy source that performs digital preservation practices to ensure long-term preservation of and access to official Federal Government information.

About GPO

GPO is the Federal Government's resource for publishing trusted information for the Federal Government to the American people. The GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government, including U.S. passports for the Department of State as well as the official publications of Congress, the White House, and other Federal agencies in digital and print formats. GPO provides for permanent public access to Federal Government information at no charge through <u>www.GovInfo.gov</u> and partnerships with approximately 1,100 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit <u>www.gpo.gov</u>.

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