



Interagency Council on
Printing and Publication Services

federal publishing in the information age

The next ICPPS meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, 2010 at GPO, Carl Hayden Room, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

On the Agenda:

* ReadSmart® uses a technique that takes original text and creates a new version following specific formatting rules. Its marketed benefits are increased comprehension and message retention. For practical application, files could be sent to a ReadSmart processing center and then distributed (for reading electronically or for producing printed copies). Presenter is RHA Marketing, <http://www.rhamarketing.com> <<http://www.rhamarketing.com>>

* Digital Printing. GPO's Quality Control for Procured Printing (QCPP) division will provide an overview of digital printing, what GPO considers acceptable, what GPO considers unacceptable, the pros and cons of digital printing, suggested language for contracts where digital printing is acceptable, different types of digital printing equipment, etc. QCPP will also address the status of their quality controls for digital printing. In addition, QCPP will discuss the GPO Form 1815, how to fill the form out properly, the process (how long we should expect the process to take from when we submit the complaint), and what is the period of time we can submit a form and action be taken against a vendor. Presenters are Sarah Trucksis, Clint Howard, and Dan Ramey Jr.

Congratulations Public Printer Tapella and GPO on finishing 2009 in the black!

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Printing has evolved as a result of technological advances into various forms and media through which information is presented or conveyed. The function is continually changing and redefining itself to meet the challenges of the information age and the 21st century.

The ***Interagency Council on Printing and Publications Services (ICPPS)*** recognizes this evolution and strives to further incorporate these technologies into our business practices to enhance “*federal publishing in the information age.*”

The ICPPS consists of printing officers and representatives from numerous federal departments and agencies, and supports federal departments and agencies printing programs and the Government Printing Office (GPO) in meeting their mission.

The Council fully understands the Federal Printing Program, and addresses current and future issues, mutually develops plans and objectives, and provides for a cooperative relationship between federal departments and agencies and the GPO that will ultimately strengthen the Federal Printing Program.

History

The Interagency Council on Printing and Publishing Services was originally established on April 14, 1976 as an advisory body to the Public Printer. Activities of the Council have been productive, and have been credited with drastic improvements to the Federal Printing Program.

Goals of the Council

- Develop recommendations designed to enhance federal departments and agencies and GPO’s efforts to provide the most efficient, effective and economical service possible
- Propose new printing and publishing policy and Government Printing and Binding Regulations
- Exchange views and examine mutual concerns among federal printing representatives
- Support and disseminate information relative to related training and knowledge-sharing opportunities

Meetings

Meetings are normally held on a bimonthly basis at the Government Printing Office in Washington, DC. The Executive Board meets during the months the Council is in recess to plan and work on Council business.

Current Council Members

Administrative Office of the US Courts
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Center for Disease Control and Prevention
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Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of Justice
Department of the Interior
Department of Labor
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Library of Congress
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National Institute of Health
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Office of Personnel Management
Social Security Administration

Membership is free and is open to representatives from all federal departments and agencies.