

Circular Letter No. 897

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TO: Printing and Publishing Officials of the Federal Government

SUBJECT: Planning for Agency Publishing Operations During a Potential Lapse in Appropriations

In the event of a Government wide funding lapse, The Government Printing Office is prepared to help you in advance to support your agency's mission essential excepted publishing functions. If we can be of assistance we encourage you to contact your Customer Services Team or the nearest GPO Regional Printing Procurement Office (<http://www.gpo.gov/customers/print.htm>), or call us at 202-512-1205 prior to the potential October 1st shutdown, which would also impact GPO.

If you are a funded (excepted) agency * you may continue to use your GPO Term Contracts, GPO's SPA Program, your *GPOExpress* account, and GPO Plant Operations (Washington, DC) to meet immediate printing, publishing, and duplicating needs that are excepted activities under the Antideficiency Act based on your agency's authority and approval. For GPO Plant Operations questions, please contact Shelly Welcher, Assistant Production Manager - Plant Operations at swelcher@gpo.gov or (202) 512-0589.

If you do not currently have a *GPOExpress* account, contact your GPO representative by September 26, or as soon as possible, to have an account set up for you. For more information regarding your direct access to the valuable services offered through *GPOExpress* please call 202-512-2132 today or visit <http://www.gpo.gov/customers/express.htm>.

For your agency's emergency printing or publishing requirements that are excepted activities under the Antideficiency Act which cannot be met by these programs during the shutdown, please contact Jim Bradley, Deputy Public Printer at (202) 512-0111 for assistance.

Customer Services encourages you to contact your Customer Services Team today to make the necessary plans to ensure your agency's publishing needs are met.

**Agencies should refer to relevant legal opinions issued by the Attorney General and the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice, which set forth the legal requirements imposed by the Antideficiency Act (Act) during a lapse in appropriations and the guiding standards agencies should use in making decisions under the Act during a lapse in appropriations. - OMB Memorandum M-13-22, dated September 17, 2013.*

Sincerely,

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