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GPO Access is remarkable for its unique commitment to Permanent Public Access. This commitment means that every document on **GPO Access** will remain accessible in perpetuity, and springs from GPO's shared responsibility for the permanent availability of the publications in the Federal Depository Library Program. Another feature that is virtually unique to **GPO Access** is its no-fee public access to documents from all three branches of Government. As part of **GPO Access**, GPO hosts the official Web sites of 17 Federal agencies, including the Supreme Court. In addition, **GPO Access** is one of a very few Federal Web sites that was established by law (Public Law 103-40, the Government Printing Office Electronic Information Enhancement Act of 1993).

Recent **GPO Access** highlights have included hosting the Supreme Court's *per curiam* opinions on the Florida election case as part of its ongoing responsibilities for the official Supreme Court Web site (www.supremecourtus.gov) and hosting the U.S. District Court's *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, and Final Judgment* in the Microsoft antitrust case.

GPO Access is particularly proud of its children's site, called *Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids* (<http://bensguide.gpo.gov>). The site's "Ben" is Benjamin Franklin, who guides visitors to the site through age-appropriate explanations of how laws are made, how the Government is structured, how the electoral college works, and other topics. *Ben's Guide* was awarded the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Web Site" designation in April 2000, an honor reserved for sites, "considered the best web sites for ages birth-14, outstanding in both content and conception."

GPO Access has received many awards on its own, including a 2001 Trailblazer Award from E-Gov 2001. The internationally recognized management firm of Booz-Allen and Hamilton, Inc., has called **GPO Access**, "one of the Federal Government's largest and most active web sites." Other awards have included the prestigious 1995 James Madison Award from the Coalition on Government Information.

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