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THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE PROVIDES TRAINING TO LIBRARY COMMUNITY

Washington, D.C.--More than 50 Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) librarians from around the country recently gathered at the Nation's Capital to take part in a professional development program hosted by the Government Printing Office (GPO).

"The Annual Interagency Depository Seminar is a unique opportunity for new depository librarians to acquire up-to-the-minute information, as well as discuss and exchange ideas with GPO's staff, Federal agency representatives and colleagues," said Judy Russell, Superintendent of Documents and Managing Director of GPO's Information Dissemination. "Providing professional development opportunities to the library community is one of the GPO's most important roles and one that we have been proud to provide for the last 17 years through this seminar."

The June 2-9, 2004 seminar provided representatives from public, state, federal and academic libraries with an overview of information products and activities of numerous Federal Agencies as they relate to Federal depository libraries. This year's participating agencies included the U.S. Census Bureau, Office of the Federal Register (OFR), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Department of Transportation's National Transportation Library (NTL), U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), U.S. Copyright Office, Social Security Administration (SSA), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) and STAT-USA, a database of economic and trade statistics produced by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Seminar participants were also invited to tour the GPO, Library of Congress Jefferson Library, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. Copyright Office.

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. More than 250,000 Federal Government document titles are now available to the public via the Internet at www.gpoaccess.gov. Printed copies of many of those documents ranging from Supreme Court

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opinions to reports from the Bureau of Labor Statistics may also be ordered through the GPO's web site www.gpo.gov or by calling toll-free 866-512-1800. The GPO, through partnership with 1,250 libraries participating in the Federal Depository Library Program, provides personal assistance in locating and using Government information. Participating libraries may be located on GPO's web site or by calling toll-free 1-888-293-6498. The GPO, headquartered in Washington, DC, has offices in 20 cities, and is led by Bruce R. James, Public Printer of the United States.

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