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TOP GPO EXECUTIVE CREDITED WITH IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS TO RETIRE

WASHINGTON—The official most responsible for working with the library community on establishing an authentic digital collection of published Government information, has announced she will be retiring from the Government Printing Office early next year. Judy Russell has been with the GPO for nearly a decade, most recently as Superintendent of Documents. Russell has been key in designing the Federal Depository Library Program of the future, creating *GPO Access*, and developing innovative plans for the publications sales program.

“These past four years have been filled with a range of positive changes for the GPO, the FDLP and public access,” said Russell. “We have expanded our content and service partnerships with Federal agencies and the depository libraries to improve service to the public and assure permanent access to digital collections.”

Prior to her appointment by Public Printer Bruce James in 2003, Russell spent five years at GPO in the 1990s directing the agency’s electronic dissemination operation and the FDLP.

“Judy has done a tremendous job in helping GPO, Federal agencies and the library community to give the public electronic access to some of the Government’s most important documents,” said James.

Russell has more than 20 years of experience in the private sector and in public service. Her career highlights include key positions in libraries and information centers, as well as the publishing and information industries. Russell is a graduate of Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross in Washington, D.C. She received an M.S. in Library Science from Catholic University.

The U.S. Government Printing Office is the Federal Government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. Government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. In addition to publication sales, GPO makes Government information available at no cost to the public through GPO Access (www.gpoaccess.gov), and through partnerships with more than 1,250 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit www.gpo.gov.

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