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PUBLIC PRINTER BOB TAPELLA RESIGNS

WASHINGTON—Public Printer of the United States Bob Tapella announces his resignation as head of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). Tapella has led the men and women of the 150-year-old agency the last three years. He was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2007 to become the 25th Public Printer of the United States. Deputy Public Printer Paul Erickson becomes the Acting Public Printer effective immediately.

Prior to becoming Public Printer, Tapella served as a senior executive at GPO for five years. He was part of the team that took GPO from a survival mode to the thriving operation it is today. Tapella helped turn GPO's financial situation from years of significant losses into the positive net operating income the agency enjoys today. Fiscal year 2010 marked the seventh consecutive year of positive results. The agency also launched GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) during Tapella's tenure, giving the American people a one-stop site to authentic, published government information.

"It has been a pleasure serving both President Obama and President Bush during the last eight years at GPO," said Public Printer Bob Tapella. "I want to thank the hardworking men and women of GPO who have transformed an agency that opened in 1861 into a 21st century printing, digital media, secure credentialing and ISO 9001 premiere manufacturing organization. I believe the successful launch of FDsys positions GPO to meet the challenges of the Digital Age."

Link to bio of Acting Public Printer Paul Erickson: <http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/about/Ericksonbio.pdf>

Link to photos of Bob Tapella and Paul Erickson: <http://www.gpo.gov/newsroom-media/management.htm>

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