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GPO'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY EXHIBIT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON—"The coolest thing ever!" "Great exhibit!" "Very fine presentation!" These are just some of the comments being left by the public at "Keeping America Informed," the new exhibit hosted by the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) to commemorate the agency's 150 years of service to the Nation.

Link to video of exhibit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFTu8a-PLao&feature=channel_video_title

The exhibit's centerpiece—and a must-see for all those interested in one of the greatest documents of American history, as well as Lincoln enthusiasts and Civil War buffs—is an original, printed preliminary version of the Emancipation Proclamation, issued in September 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief and printed by GPO. The document, on loan from the Library of Congress, shows proofreader's edits marking revisions that were incorporated into the final Proclamation issued on January 1, 1863.

Telling the story of how GPO's employees through its history moved from hand-set type to hand-held devices for receiving the latest digital files of Government information, the exhibit uses images and examples of the agency's remarkable output to describe *What We Do* (the nature and variety of GPO's work for Congress, the White House, Federal agencies, and the Courts), *Who We Are* (the skilled and dedicated employees who do the work), and *How We Do It* (the ongoing interaction of technology and skill that makes information available in print and online).

Among its features are copies of the memorable work produced by GPO throughout its history, including Thomas Jefferson's Bible, Warren Commission Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy, the colorful posters issued by the Government during World War II, a signed copy of President George H. W. Bush's 1991 State of the Union address, and the latest Web 2.0 version of the Federal Register. A linotype machine that accompanied General John J. Pershing's headquarters staff in France during World War I is also on display, in addition computer kiosks providing access to GPO's Federal Digital System.

Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 732 North Capitol Street NW. The exhibit is open to the general public. Exhibit goers can also pick up a discount coupon for GPO's latest book, *Keeping America Informed*, the exhibit's companion volume, available at GPO's recently renovated bookstore or online at: <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/collections/gpo-keeping-america-informed.jsp>

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