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GPO REPORTS FEWEST EEO COMPLAINTS IN 10 YEARS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) continues its commitment to providing employees a discrimination-free work environment. There were 17 formal equal employment opportunity (EEO) complaints filed in FY 2014, a 66% decrease from the previous year. The complaints represent the fewest number filed in the last decade.

Diversity in the workplace and minimizing and resolving EEO complaints is an ongoing commitment of GPO's Strategic Plan. GPO's Equal Employment Opportunity office is central to that commitment, providing counseling sessions and educational seminars on EEO-related issues and welcoming feedback to improve the agency's workplace environment. The office also promotes initiatives and events that bring together employees to recognize GPO's diversity. In addition, GPO takes proactive measures to address issues at the lowest possible levels.

“This is a noteworthy achievement. GPO's programs and policies are providing positive results, and we will continue to listen to our employees in an effort to decrease EEO complaints,” said Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks. “GPO takes pride in and celebrates its highly diverse workforce. GPO will continue to make the agency an employer of choice and provide our employees an environment for positive workplace experiences.”

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