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GPO JOINS GITHUB

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) now has an official agency presence on GitHub, a Web-based computer source code sharing and publishing service. Currently, more than 10,000 government users worldwide employ GitHub to collaborate on code, data, and policy. Federal agencies currently using GitHub to make information available about their systems include the Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Smithsonian, and the White House.

GPO's page: <https://www.github.com/usgpo>

In the current digital environment, there is a growing expectation for sharing not only information content stored on digital systems, but for sharing information on how that content is created, processed, stored, and made available to the public. In May 2012, the White House released the President's May 2012 Digital Government Strategy, which calls for Federal agencies to "participate in open source communities." One way this effort is being conducted is through participation in GitHub. GPO has established a presence on GitHub to share information about how content is stored and processed on its Federal Digital System (FDsys, at www.fdsys.gov), which has been used by both the Government and the public to retrieve more than 1 billion official documents from all three branches of the Federal Government since FDsys began operations in 2009.

Through GitHub, GPO will be able to provide documentation to the developer community about the process used to create FDsys metadata for legislative, executive, and judicial content collections. It can also be used to provide documentation about the FDsys sitemap implementation and supporting resources that are currently available on the FDsys Bulk Data Repository (e.g. User Guides).

"GPO's account on GitHub will enable us to provide access to FDsys information on a fair and equal basis to the developer community," said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. "We look forward to making a growing amount of information about FDsys available on this site."

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