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GPO AND THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY OPEN FREE WEB LINK TO FEDERAL INFORMATION

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has opened a second "gateway" site in New York giving the public access to many of the Nation's most important Federal documents via an Internet connection to the GPO Access services.

The *Congressional Record*, *Federal Register*, *Congressional Bills*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, *Commerce Business Daily*, *Constitution of the United States of America*, and other Federal databases are now available to off-site users on the same day of publication through the gateway. The New York State Library Gateway, part of the Nation's system of nearly 1,400 Federal depository libraries, is offering public access to the GPO databases as part of an expanding gateway program.

"We believe the public should have timely access to vital information about the activities of their Government without charge," says head of the GPO, Public Printer Michael F. DiMario. "Further, it is our goal to establish local outlets to the GPO electronic system in every State. We want these important Government publications available to the American public around the clock, 7 days a week."

The New York State Library "GPO Access on the Web" Gateway, is the latest Federal depository library to become a gateway. Users may access the gateway by pointing their web browser to: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/gpo>. Users of the New York State Library "GPO Access on the Web" Gateway, may search the databases as frequently as they like, without charge. For local user support, contact Sharon Oskam at 518-474-5355 or <soskam@unix2.nys>.

The GPO Access databases are also available for free electronic searching at some 1,300 of the Nation's depository libraries under the "GPO Access" program authorized by law and launched in June 1994.

Inquiries about the availability of GPO Access services should be directed to the GPO Access User Support Team at 1-888-293-6498 (toll free) or 202-512-1530 (local); Fax: 202-512-1262; or Internet e-mail: <gpoaccess@gpo.gov>. Questions about the service can also be directed to a nearby Federal Depository Library. Written information about the GPO Access and GPO products and services can be obtained via U.S. Fax Watch, the GPO's fax-on-demand service, by dialing 202-512-1716.