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## **GPO CREATES FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP**

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) launches an effort to more widely distribute access to electronic information products available through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) with the announcement of its first FDLP partnership with the United States Department of State (DOS) and the Richard J. Daley Library, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

This innovative partnership builds on UIC's current agreement with DOS to manage the Department of State Foreign Affairs Network (DOSFAN). DOSFAN is a collection of World Wide Web Pages featuring current DOS news and information. The DOSFAN Electronic Research Collection contains historical materials from 1993 to the present. These web sites provide immediate, global access to official U.S. foreign policy information and decision-making efforts. Updated daily, the sites include country and issue specific information on sociopolitical situations, economic trends, democracy, human rights, culture, development assistance, environment, terrorism, and more. Speeches, statements, and testimony by the President, Secretary of State, and other senior department officials are featured, along with many other publications that have traditionally been provided to depository libraries, including Dispatch, Background Notes, other official publications, and congressional reports.

The GPO/UIC/DOS partnership ensures that access to the newly established Electronic Research Collection of archived DOSFAN material meets general requirements expected for all remote electronic Government information products accessible through the FDLP. As an FDLP partner, UIC will manage the DOSFAN Electronic Research Collection, continue to have custody of DOSFAN materials, and offer specific electronic reference services to sources of U.S. foreign policy information found on the World Wide Web as well as in its traditional library collections. UIC will also provide online access to the Electronic Research Collection, ensure the security of the collection, and provide a copy of all DOSFAN Electronic Research Collection files to GPO should UIC no longer be able to support permanent access to the files. The ultimate responsibility for provision of permanent access to and bibliographic control of products held in the DOSFAN Electronic Research Collection will reside in the GPO as FDLP administrator.

The GPO identifies these types of partnerships as an integral component of the FDLP's transition to a more electronic information environment.

GPO intends to establish similar partnerships in the future, which will raise the skills and resources of the FDLP library community to enhance access to electronic Government information. The Internet address for the DOSFAN Electronic Research Collection is:  
<http://dosfan.lib.uic.edu>