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MORE THAN 500 GOVERNMENT LIBRARIANS SET TO MEET FOR MAJOR CONFERENCE

More than 500 attendees are expected at the Depository Library Council and Federal Depository Conference set for April 20-23, 1998, at the Washington National Airport Hilton in Arlington, VA. Sponsored by the U.S. Printing Office (GPO), the event is the major national meeting for those concerned with Federal Government information dissemination programs.

The Council itself is comprised of 15 representatives of the Government information community, who advise GPO on issues related to public access to Government information through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Administered by GPO, the FDLP is a nationwide geographically-dispersed system consisting of nearly 1,400 libraries acting in partnership with the United States Government to provide the general public with local access to Federal Government information at no charge. During Fiscal Year 1997, GPO distributed approximately 13.4 million copies of 44,820 tangible products in paper, microfiche, and electronic formats to depository libraries. In addition, depository libraries provide access to more than 70 Federal databases on GPO Access, GPO's award-winning Internet information service at www.access.gpo.gov. More than 10.5 million documents are retrieved from this service monthly.

"Through the Federal Depository Library Program, the American people are receiving vital information about their Government and the many programs which affect their daily lives. Through the cooperation and commitment of information professionals, people in the United States are the best-informed citizenry in the world. It is not surprising that these professionals from the Government information community gather in such numbers at this conference each year to reaffirm their efforts and to define their roles for the future," Public Printer Michael F. DiMario stated in announcing the agenda for the upcoming event.

Joining Public Printer DiMario at the conference will be recently-appointed Superintendent of Documents Francis J. Buckley, Jr., along with numerous Government and library community officials.

The 4-day conference includes hands-on demonstrations of GPO Access, tours of information dissemination facilities, updates on public information activities and products from various Federal agencies, and a selection of technical and informational sessions for individual selection by meeting attendees. Prior to the formal conference, regional librarians will attend an all-day session on Sunday, April 19, 1998, held at the University of Maryland.

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