GPO is pleased to announce that Progressive Technology Federal Systems, Inc. (PTFS) of Bethesda, Maryland has been selected to assist GPO with the process to convert the historic GPO shelflist. This contract, a one-year project with four option years, will convert approximately 600,000 cards in the historic card catalog, covering U.S. Government documents from the 1870's through October 1992, to machine-readable metadata (MARC21).

These metadata records will be available in the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP). The records generated by this contracting activity will be available to libraries in the FDLP and the wider library community to assist in their efforts to identify and catalog previously un-cataloged materials in their library collections. This will, in turn, provide greater exposure to collections of U.S. Government publications and improve awareness of resources available in the FDLP libraries.