

Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) recently announced that it had begun a process to upgrade the applications that provide directory information for participants in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The first upgrade was the new Locate Libraries application in the CGP launched in March 2006. The second was the release of the module enabling FDLP libraries to directly update their own directory information in real time. The third yet to be released:

- a new public version that will replace both the old library directory database application, and replace the PDF version of the FDL Directory on the FDLP Desktop.

With this new product development activity, the directory information that LSCM makes available to partners, vendors and the public using the Federal Bulletin Board will change. Shortly after the public version of the Federal Depository Library Directory is launched in early February 2008, the directory files will no longer be posted to the FBB.

Instead, vendors, partners and the public can save (export) information from the directory application themselves. The export function will offer several output options: a formatted HTML file, a comma-delimited CSV file, and a tabbed text file. Instructions will be provided to help users export the data. The "Help" feature of the FDLD will also offer instructions. Once the public version is live, the data can be exported at any time as the directory information is updated in real time.

Please note that the directory information that is available for export will vary somewhat from the data that was previously available from the FBB due to privacy concerns and changes in some field names. The focus of exportable fields is information for users to find and contact the library and information related to the depository's participation in the FDLP. A comparison table of FBB fields and FDLD fields will be available.

Additional information will be forthcoming and will be made available via a FDLP-Listserv posting.