Draft Recommendations from Spring 2010 Depository Library Council Meeting

Access Preservation
Need to browse digitization registry by project looking for collaborator and highlight collaborator N&Os in navigation [http://registry.fdlp.gov/]

Add link to grant opportunities document delivered in Tampa (on desktop under recommendations) and to the priority titles for digitization to digitization registry

Council intends to pursue discussions with associations (ACRL, ARL etc.) that collect statistics and rate libraries based on those statistics to explore the issues surrounding the weighing of e-collections vis-à-vis tangible volumes in their metrics

Regional Issues
Council recommends that GPO staff share with the community a detailed summary of the scope and target completion dates of the GPO shelf list conversion project (project to digitize the dictionary catalog). This summary should include (1) total number of cards in the project; (2) total number to be transcribed; (3) total number to be digitized; (4) examples of intended end use(s) of these transcribed and digitized records, including use in a proposed automated disposal list and N&O list automation tool; and (5) rename the project to reflect its actual content and scope. This summary should be disseminated by May 15, 2010.

Council recommends that GPO work with Council and the Community to create additional exclusive benefits that will accrue to official FDLP depositories, both selective and regional. These exclusive benefits will serve as positive incentives for applying for designations as official FDLP depositories and for remaining in the program. In addition, Council recommends that GPO build on previous documentation of incentives and prominently disseminate a master list of all depository benefits, including (when appropriate) those benefits' approximate monetary value.

Council commends GPO for undertaking a segmentation survey in order to learn more about the diverse needs of the various types and sizes of libraries in the FDLP, and for integrating information about these needs into its strategic thinking. Council looks forward to seeing the results of the survey by May 15, and stands ready to work with GPO and the depository community to help interpret the survey results and use them, as appropriate, to inform discussions and decisions about FDLP services.

Council offers to work with GPO to develop a plan for utilizing the biennial survey to gather information and solicit input from federal depository libraries in order to provide relevant data on strategic and operational issues facing the FDLP. Such a plan should include timelines for the introduction and testing of new questions with the intent of giving depository libraries reasonable advance notice of questions.

Council offers to work with GPO to explore ways to solicit timely feedback from federal depository libraries through the use of web surveys or other web-based tools. This work also should include developing guidelines for the timing and frequency of surveys and other social media mechanisms as well as a process to prioritize potential survey topics or areas of inquiry.

FDsys
Council is excited about the long awaited planned migration of remaining collections and planned Release 1 and 2 of FDsys and the sun setting of GPO Access by December 2010. Council requests that if there is substantial slippage in announced deadlines for schedules or deliverables of one month, that Council be notified, with information about project impact and mitigation. Council pledges to respond with comments within two weeks.

When major features or functionalities announced for future releases are deferred or pushed back into subsequent releases, Council recommends that they be consulted. When consulted, Council pledges to respond with comments within two weeks.

Council recommends that as the FDsys Project Management Office (PMO) reviews system requirements and functionality for future releases, they include stakeholders including the FDLP community. PMO should use appropriate communications methods to do so.