Digital FDLP Update Meeting Executive Summary

This is a time of change in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) as the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) transitions to a digital FDLP, an effort that first started in the 1990s. In a digital FDLP, the primary mode of access and preservation of newly published material in the [National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information](#) is digital. With [GovInfo](#) certified as a Trusted Digital Repository, GPO will no longer distribute as many titles in print format, or as many copies of those titles to Federal depository libraries. This shift allows GPO to redirect resources to support, discovery, and management of digital content.

A New Print Distribution Framework

The [Print Distribution Titles List (PDT)](#) consists of titles that will continue to be distributed in paper-format. The quantity of copies available fall into three categories:

- **Unlimited distribution titles** will be distributed at current selection quantities and include the U.S. Code, Statutes at Large, U.S. Reports, Constitution of the United States (Analysis & Interpretation, including supplements), House and Senate Journals, and Bound Congressional Record Index.
- **20-copy titles** include Serial Set (both bound and individual House and Senate Reports and Documents), Bound Congressional Record (Proceedings & Daily Digest), and select maps.
- **50-copy titles** include all other titles on the PDT list.

Due to their long-term commitment to print retention, priority for selection will be given to Preservation Stewards and regionals. Beyond this, LSCM is in the process of gathering data to help determine a fair and equitable means of distribution to libraries. LSCM will work to distribute copies geographically but will ensure at least one copy is distributed and retained per National Collection Service Area (NCSA). In the interim, tangible material will continue to be distributed to libraries as the phased out tangible titles are produced, processed, and shipped.

Continuing FDLP Participation Incentives and Principles

LSCM will expand its [Special Selection Offer](#) (SSO) opportunities for Federal depository libraries to acquire print copies of high-interest titles with broad or geographic appeal. SSOs will continue on a first-come, first-served basis, and LSCM will ensure at least one copy is distributed per NCSA.

GPO is committed to increasing access to and discovery of digital Government information through libraries in the FDLP. LSCM is strengthening its capacity for digital imaging,

ingesting content into GovInfo, enhancing bibliographic records, and increasing awareness of digital content. Enhanced tools, support, and services for digital content are primary goals for LSCM.

Online Federal Government information often requires professional expertise to find, understand, and interpret. Expert librarians in Federal depository libraries will continue to be a resource for all users who need assistance in accessing and using Government information resources, in all formats. FDLs continue to support democracy and a mission of *America Informed*. To that end, LSCM will increase training and professional development through FDLP Academy.

By implementing a new, limited distribution model and shared collection management within National Collection Service Areas (NCSAs), GPO is easing space constraints in many libraries. This will also save on processing costs in depository libraries.