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INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM
Franklin (franklin.gpo.gov), the new online catalog for the National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications, is being prepared for its official launch. The National Bibliography is a comprehensive index of public documents from all three branches of the Federal Government. In the online information environment, Franklin will be essential to GPO's core mission to ensure that the American public has access to Government information. Franklin is a component of a modernization plan to replace older legacy systems with GPO's recently acquired state-of-the-art integrated library system.

Franklin will provide more records and data than previous applications. It will contain more than 500,000 records dating from July 1976 to the present and will become more far reaching in the future. Franklin will replace older versions of the Catalog for U.S. Government Publications (CGP), the New Electronic Titles (NET), and the "Locate Libraries". The "Other Catalogs to Search" feature will provide access to the Congressional Serial Set, periodicals, and Internet publications.

In addition to more extensive information, Franklin will be a robust search and retrieval tool that offers fielded searches and indexing to help with depository administrative functions. Direct links to online publications and to related records will be provided within the bibliographic record. GPO processing information and holdings will also be available.

RETROSPECTIVE CONVERSION PROJECT
A Statement of Work (SOW) for cataloging services to convert the historic shelflist and to catalog a small backlog of materials is being prepared for posting to Fedbiz Opps. A separate SOW is being drafted for cataloging services for materials acquired through web harvesting efforts. ID hopes to begin formal procurement activities early in calendar year 2006.

AUTHENTICATION
The primary objective of GPO's authentication initiative is to assure users that the information made available by GPO is official and authentic and that trust relationships exist between all participants in electronic transactions. GPO's authentication initiatives will allow users to determine that the files are unchanged since GPO authenticated them.

A GPO Source Selection Evaluation Board is currently reviewing offers from companies that are bidding on a Statement of Work crafted by the Authentication Team to assist GPO in procuring the necessary tools and capabilities to automate the application of digital signatures on Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files. This will enable application of digital signatures in a more timely, efficient and cost-effective manner than can be achieved manually. As part of the same procurement, GPO intends to procure a validation mechanism that will enable users to easily view authentication information for digitally signed PDF documents. GPO hopes to make a contract award in January of 2006.

GPO has also begun applying its "Seal of Authenticity" to various print publications. This seal helps give the user assurance that their publication is coming from an official source and re-enforces the integrity of the publications. Additionally, GPO has developed an extensive Marketing plan for the release of the new program. Teams have been assembled, and plans are in place to spread the word about this innovative new GPO service to the widest audience possible.

FUTURE DIGITAL SYSTEM
One of the critical pieces of GPO's transformation from a 19th-century printing press operation to a 21st-century electronic information agency is GPO's Future Digital System (FDsys), which will manage, preserve, version, provide access to, and disseminate authentic digital content. GPO intends to procure the services of a contractor that will serve as the Master Integrator (MI) for building FDsys. The MI will work collaboratively with GPO to identify solutions for the FDsys functions and to integrate the various components, technology and applications into a world-class information life cycle management system. On December 20, 2005, GPO released a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) soliciting comments on the MI process and tasks. Comments are due by January 19, 2006. GPO expects that the final RFP reflecting these comments will be released in March. More information on FDsys is available at:

http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys.htm

DISASTER RECOVERY
As GPO works towards the completion of the GPO Access Distributed Computing/Data Disaster Recovery (DR) site, representatives from GITCO, AALL, and the Federal Depository Library Council will be conducting an evaluation of the site in its current state. This evaluation will allow library community representatives to compile and share a list of observations to address any desired improvements. The evaluation period is expected to run through the end of February 2006, at which time GPO anticipates initiating completion of the WAIS data clean up for the DR solution.

Additional evaluation opportunities will be made available as new phases of the DR implementation are completed. The feedback received will be instrumental as GPO moves toward the completion of the DR and explores the possibility of switching the site to the publicly accessible interim search solution until FDsys provides a new search platform.

DIGITIZATION OF THE LEGACY COLLECTION
GPO is working on a MOU involving GPO, the Library of Congress, and the National Archives and Records Administration that will outline roles and responsibilities in the provision of public access to digitized legacy Federal Government documents. This MOU is a prerequisite for obtaining approval for GPO participation in this project from our oversight committee, the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP). Once JCP approval is received, GPO will begin implementation of the plan for the digitization of Federal publications. **Priorities for Digitization of Legacy Collection***,* GPO's planned approach

to digitizing the tangible collections of historical documents in Federal depository libraries, is located at:

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/index.html

GPO will first focus on digitizing legislative and regulatory material that expands the coverage of the most popular *GPO Access* databases.

GPO is finalizing development of the Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects. The Registry will be a locator tool for publicly accessible collections of digitized U.S. Government publications. When it is available via GPO Access, volunteer contributors will be able to input records about their institution's projects that include digitized copies of publications originating from the U.S. Government.

GPO's Digitization Specification 3.2 is in the process of being reviewed by participants in GPO's Meeting of Experts on Preservation. This specification when released will be used to support GPO's plan to convert legacy documents into preservation masters that will subsequently be used to creative derivative "access" files that support user requirements.

Version 3.2 is a result of multiple internal reviews and two focused external reviews by Federal agencies and universities involved in preservation quality digitization. Additional information about the legacy digitization project, including a link to Specification 3.0, is available at:

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy

The specification will continue to evolve as technological advancements and digitization requirements occur in the digital imaging industry.

ESSENTIAL TITLES
GPO is waiting for recommendations from the Depository Library Council for additional titles to be considered for inclusion in the Essential Titles for Public Use in Paper Format list. GPO and the Council are working together to develop and refine the methodology for a new survey for these titles.

BIENNIAL SURVEY
The 2005 Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries ran from December 2, 2005 through the end of December. A total of 987 libraries responded during this period. GPO staff are now in the process of contacting the libraries that have not yet responded to the survey and the survey form will be available until the end of January. Libraries that have not submitted their responses will then be contacted directly to obtain their survey response.

Questions 65 and 66 dealing with digital publications files generated a healthy exchange of ideas for the discussion lists. While the final figures are not yet available, data from survey results received through January 12, 2006 included the following information:

65: My library systematically downloads, stores online publications identified from GPO Access or through GPO-created PURLS, and makes them accessible to the general public from local servers. This past year my library downloaded the following number of digital publication files (this does not include shipping lists, Web pages, or datasets):
0 = 823 libraries
1-25 = 90
26-100 = 25
101-500 = 26
501-1000 = 7
1001-5000 = 11
More than 5000 = 4

66. My library is willing to receive Federal digital publication files on deposit from GPO, store them, and make the accessible to the general public from local servers. My library is willing to receive the following number of digital publication files per year (this does not include shipping lists, Web pages, or databases):

0 = 652 libraries
1-25 = 176
26-100 = 56
101-500 = 41
501-1000 = 26
1001-5000 = 14
More than 5000 = 21

Libraries were also queried about their training needs. The mostly highly requested training was for Census, GPO OPAC, STAT-USA, GIS, and GPO Access services.

Another area of high interest in recent council meeting discussions, virtual reference, the survey showed that 494 libraries provide virtual reference service, but that a slightly higher number of libraries (547) were not interested in participating in a virtual reference service if it was administered by or through GPO.

The Federal Depository Library Program continues to be well known in the library community as an active, vital program, but it may not be so well known in local communities and service areas. According to the survey responses, 134 libraries are doing active promotion of the depository program to the general public, 626 libraries promote the depository program infrequently, and 226 libraries reported no depository promotion.

The final survey results will be summarized and made available in the near future. The raw survey responses will also be available for libraries to use in comparison with their

information needs to do comparisons against past survey results. Previous biennial surveys in electronic formats are located at:

http://access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/bisurvey/index.html

GPO-FDLP-L AND ADMINSTRATIVE NOTES
GPO-FDLP-L is now GPO's primary vehicle for communicating with depository library staff. As such, all depository libraries should have at least one staff member subscribed to this announcement service. To join the list, point your browser to:

http://listserv.access.gpo.gov/archives/gpo-fdlp-l.html

Click on "Join or leave the list" and follow the on-screen instructions.

Based on responses to the November 2005 communications survey, **Administrative Notes** will be available in electronic format only, and paper distribution will be discontinued in 2006. Each issue will be available online, in HTML and PDF formats, at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/adnotes/index.html

The **Administrative Notes Technical Supplement (ANTS)** will continue to be published in paper as well as in electronic format through 2006, pending development of alternative products. The availability of each issue of Administrative Notes and ANTS will be announced via the GPO-FDLP-L listserv. The Information Dissemination communication policy currently under development will determine the long-term continuance of these two titles.

SPRING 2006 DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL MEETING
The spring Depository Library Council meeting will be held in Seattle, WA, at the Renaissance Hotel. The meeting is open to the depository library community, other information professionals, and the general public at no charge. Pre-registration is available at:

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/spring_reg.html

For reservations at the Renaissance Hotel, contact the hotel directly at 1-800-546-9184 and reference the Government Printing Office or the Federal Depository Library Council Meeting to get the prevailing government rate of $124.00 (plus applicable state and local taxes, currently 15.6%) a night for a single or double.

The meeting will begin Sunday, April 2, 2006, starting with registration from 8:00 a.m. - noon, and the first session, New Attendees Orientation, will run from 10:00 a.m. - noon. The regular schedule will commence that afternoon at 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The meeting will conclude at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

For more information on the 2006 Spring Depository Library Council Meeting, go to:

ANNUAL INTERAGENCY SEMINAR
The 19th Annual Interagency Depository Seminar will be held in Washington, DC from July 31, 2006 through August 4, 2006. During the weeklong seminar representatives from various Federal agencies will present an overview of their information products and activities as they relate to Federal depository libraries. The seminar, open to all depository library staff who would like to attend, but limited to 60 participants, will provide an opportunity for both new and experienced documents staff to review basic materials and learn about new products. Scheduling details, including participating agencies and tours, will be announced during the coming months.

Prospective attendees should complete the online registration form by May 31, 2006 at:

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/interagency_reg.html

Questions about the seminar should be directed to the Education and Outreach Staff by telephone on (202) 512-1119; by fax on (202) 512-0016; or by e-mail at ylouden@gpo.gov.

A block of 40 rooms has been set aside for seminar participants at the Red Roof Inn, located at 500 H St., NW, Washington DC 20001. Reservations should be made by calling the hotel at 202-289-5959 and providing the block code of B254AIDLS to receive the rate of $104.99 per night plus 14.5% tax. Reservations must be made by July 17, 2006 to insure the quoted rate and will be on a first come, first served basis.

ELECTRONIC FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY MANUAL
GPO has been working with teams of volunteers from the Federal depository library community to develop the next generation **Federal Depository Library Manual** and **Instructions to Depository Libraries**. The resulting new publication will combine the Manual, its supplements, and the Instructions into a single online publication that will be updated as necessary. Each chapter will include requirements and performance examples with an emphasis on the electronic FDLP. The teams have now submitted most of the draft chapters to GPO and GPO staff is reviewing them.

The manual update Web site provides an outline for the chapters, timelines for the revision and other related information. It is available at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/e-manual.html

LOCKSS

The GPO LOCKSS Pilot Project was launched in June 2005. To date, GPO has made the current volumes of five Government e-journals available to the 19 libraries that are

participating in the twelve-month pilot. The **Treasury Bulletin**, the **Social Security Bulletin, Journal of Research of the National Institute of Standards and Technology**, **Humanities** and **Survey of Current Business** are already available, and **Monthly Labor Review** and **Monthly Energy Review** will be released in January 2006. LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) is open source software that provides institutions with a way to collect, store, and preserve access to their own local copies of e-journal content. LOCKSS was developed by Stanford University, and is currently maintained by the Stanford University LOCKSS Program Management Office with support from the LOCKSS Alliance. The purpose of the GPO LOCKSS Pilot Project is to investigate whether LOCKSS, or similar software, can be used to manage, disseminate, and preserve access to Federal Government e-journals that are within the scope of the FDLP and the International Exchange Service (IES).

Measures of success for LOCKSS include harvesting 10 e-journals from Federal Government Web sites, providing access to those e-journals via LOCKSS, and collecting information from pilot partners about their experiences with LOCKSS.

Additional information and news about the GPO LOCKSS Pilot Project is available at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/lockss/index.html

CD-ROM DATA MIGRATION STRATEGY
GPO is working to devise a data migration strategy to ensure that information on the CD-ROMs that have been distributed to depository libraries remains accessible. After an initial review of CD-ROMs that have been distributed to depositories, we have selected three agencies to use as case studies: The Department of Education, the Department of Justice, and the United States Geological Survey. These agencies were selected because the number of discs produced appeared to be a manageable sample, yet varied enough to cover a good cross section of considerations for migration. We wanted a sample that would include:

- Serials and monographic discs
- A variety of file formats and system requirements
- Databases and discs containing static documents

Additionally, we want to see how much of the information on these discs is already available via the Internet.

A list of depository CD-ROMs from these agencies was prepared and reviewed to see which ones were available via the Internet. GPO will soon release a list of the discs reviewed, indicating which are available online and which are considered migration candidates. Titles available online will be considered for migration at a later date, but GPO is placing a higher priority on the titles not found online because those titles are at greater risk of loss of content. Discs considered to be migration candidates will be tested, and the results will be used to devise a migration strategy for other depository discs.

GPO also met with representatives from the Government Information Preservation Working Group (GIPWoG) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to discuss issues related to this project. These organizations are working with GPO on migration and possible reverse engineering of older discs to make the information on them available.

WEB DISCOVERY AND HARVESTING
GPO is continuing its efforts to discover and retrieve publications from Federal agency web sites that fall within the scope of the FDLP and the National Bibliography Program. GPO is currently exploring a solution for the discovery, harvesting, and assessment of documents and publications from web sites utilizing web crawler and data mining technologies.

As a first step in learning about available methodologies and technologies, GPO will be working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on a pilot project for web discovery and harvesting of all EPA web sites. In addition to locating electronic content for the FDLP, the information gained through this pilot will be utilized in developing a set of long-term requirements and specifications for web discovery and harvesting in conjunction with the implementation of GPO's FDsys.

GPO has received all appropriate internal and external approvals to move ahead with the pilot project. GPO received vendor proposals on December 6, 2005 and will award the contract in mid-February 2006. The intent is to select two vendors to conduct the pilot concurrently so as to compare technologies, approaches, and results. Once awarded, the selected vendor(s) will conduct three separate crawls of the EPA web site during a six-month period. The results from each will be compared to develop criteria for targeting in-scope materials other agency web sites for inclusion in GPO's information dissemination programs.

ANNUAL ITEM SELECTION UPDATE
The annual item selection update is currently underway for participants in the FDLP. The update began on December 1, 2005 and will continue through January 31, 2006. The annual update cycle affords depository libraries the opportunity to add items to their selection profile. Added item numbers will go into effect on April 1, 2006. Items can also be dropped during the update cycle, or at any time during the year. The drops are effective immediately.

REVIEW OF ITEM NUMBER SYSTEM/ DEPOSITORY SELECTION MECHANISMS
As part of its ongoing planning efforts, GPO undertook a review of the item number system used by libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to select tangible and electronic titles. As a result of this review, GPO released three briefing papers and solicited comments from the depository library community.   All three papers are available at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/selection/index.html.

GPO received more than 90 comments on the briefing papers. GPO received a mix of comments on the proposed model for selection of online titles. The majority of comments GPO received found the proposed model for tangible selection to be a workable solution. All questions, comments, and suggestions received will be considered as we move forward with this process. The comments have been summarized and are available for review at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/selection/index.html.

GPO is currently revising the briefing papers and will release new versions that will incorporate feedback received during the comment period in the near future

NEW AND ON THE HORIZON

GPOExpress
Effective February 1, GPOExpress, based on a contractual agreement between GPO and FedEx Kinko's, will begin supplying printing services to Federal agencies. Under this agreement, agencies will be issued with a credit card that allows them to purchase printing at their local FedEx Kinko's store. Part of the agreement includes the delivery of a PDF version of documents printed through this service to an FTP site that so that GPO can review/acquire titles for the National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications.

Sales of GPO Cataloging Records
GPO has begun selling the GPO Cataloging Records previously available as a monthly subscription service from the Library of Congress. The cataloging records are available in MARC format via ftp. The cost for the monthly service is $1,920. For more information, contact the GPO Contact Center: contactcenter@gpo.gov

***GPO Access* "What's New" RSS Feed**
A new RSS Feed (Rich Site Summary/Really Simple Syndication) for "What's New" on *GPO Access* is available at:

http://www.gpoaccess.gov

RSS is a small XML file that notifies users when a Web site has been updated. Users subscribe to an RSS feed and receive notification message that alerts them to additions to the "What's New" feature.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary: Supreme Court Nomination Hearings
Supreme Court Nomination Hearing transcripts (1971 - forward), in their entirety, are now available on *GPO Access* at:

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/congress/senate/judiciary/scourt.html

U.S. Code
The **United States Code**: 2000 Edition, Supplement 2, is now available on *GPO Access* at:

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/search.html

The **United States Code** is the codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States, based on what is printed in the Statutes at Large. It is divided by broad subjects into 50 titles and published by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Statutes at Large
GPO plans to release a **United States Statutes at Large** (Volume 117, 108th Congress) application this spring, with future volumes to follow, after final review and approval by the Office of the Federal Register.

Partnerships
GPO currently has 15 partnerships with depository libraries and Federal agencies. A complete list is available at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/partners/index.html

Any depository interested in exploring the possibility of a partnership is encouraged to contact GPO.

GPO formed two new partnerships in 2005.

- GPO and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis implemented a partnership in April 2005 to provide depository access to Federal Government information in the Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research (FRASER) service.

- GPO and the Robert Muldrow Cooper Library of Clemson University formed a partnership in June 2005 to facilitate the migration of tangible publications distribution to electronic (EL) dissemination for Federal depository libraries while assessing the operational and service implications of a regional Federal depository library with a primarily electronic collection.

DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER STATISTICS
While more than 92 percent of the new titles made available through the FDLP are available in electronic form, whether or not they are also available in tangible form, GPO continues to distribute a large volume of tangible publications to Federal depository libraries. In FY 2005, GPO distributed a total of 5,285,169 tangible copies (including

maps) of 10,301 titles (paper, CD-ROM, microfiche, maps), to depository libraries.). Of the total, 7,714 titles were in paper (including maps).

Titles available through GPO Access are up substantially. In FY 2005, GPO added 18,834 titles, an increase in titles of 6,902 (58%) compared to FY 2004.

In addition, 6,432 publications were acquired for the electronic archive in FY 2005 via harvest from agency Web sites. ID is pursuing its web discovery and harvesting project as an alternative to manual harvesting, and anticipates a substantial increase in the number of harvested titles in FY 2006.

GPO produced 15,194 bibliographic records (including 2,094 ONIX records) in FY 2005. There is currently a backlog of 2,886 items to be cataloged. GPO is addressing the backlog by awarding a supplemental cataloging contract for which a Statement of Work will be published in FedBizOpps in February 2006.

GPO ACCESS STATISTICS
Since its inception in 1994, GPO Access retrievals have exceeded 2.45 billion. June 2005 was the busiest month ever, with more than 39 million retrievals. The total number of retrievals in FY2005 was 431 million. Through November, more than 52.67 million additional documents have been retrieved in FY2006.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN PUBLISHING SERVICES (Sales Program)
GPO is exploring opportunities to outsource all or parts of its sales and agency distribution programs. GPO is looking for vendors to recommend an entirely new "model" for publications sales and distribution operation. Rather than paying the vendor, GPO wants to find an arrangement where the vendor will share the revenue with GPO, improve service to our customers, and continue to fulfill our mission to keep America informed through the sale of public documents. GPO expects to release its RFP in January 2006 and receive return by the end of March 2006 for review.

Improved Online Government Bookstore
GPO has launched an improved U.S. Government Online Bookstore that adds additional services for sales customers. The Online Bookstore now uses Pay.gov, a secure Government-wide financial management transaction portal available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for more timely and efficient processing of GPO credit card and deposit account orders. The improved Online Bookstore also provides customers with the option of expedited shipping via USPS Priority and Express Mail, new and improved shopping cart and order confirmation emails, expanded ordering options for international customers, and allows customers to save their shopping carts.