

Depository Library Council Update October 2006



2006 FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

GPO has selected the recipient of the 2006 Federal Depository Library of the Year Award. The chosen library will be announced at an awards ceremony on Sunday, October 22 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. in the Ticonderoga/York/Valley Forge rooms at the Hyatt Regency, during the fall 2006 Depository Library Conference and meeting of the Depository Library Council. A reception will follow the presentation. The award provides special recognition for a library that furthers the goals of the Federal Depository Library Program by ensuring that the American public has free access to its Government's information through:

- Outstanding service to meet the Federal government information needs in the library's service area
- Creativity and innovation in developing specific community programs for use of Federal government information or a dramatic increase in their community's usage of Federal government information
- Leadership in creating public service programs that can be emulated by other Federal Depository Libraries

It's not too early to be thinking of deserving libraries to nominate for the 2007 Federal Depository Library of the Year. The recommendation form will be made available in January 2007.

INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM (ILS)

The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) continues to move forward in providing public access to Federal government publications. As of October 2, more than 8,524,000 successful requests have been made of the CGP since its launch in March, for an average of 41,196 per day.

GPO staff continue to work on Phase 2 rollouts, including enhanced New Titles functionality; implementation of federated searching across Federal government information resources with Ex Libris' MetaLib; setup of Z39.50 services so that depository libraries can search the Catalog of Government Publications (CGP) and retrieve bibliographic record sets; and completion of the development of the Locate Libraries administrative module, which will not only enable depositories to edit their directory information, but also provide a publicly accessible interface to search directory information for all depositories. Additional information about the CGP and continuing ILS initiatives can be found at:

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

FDsys UPDATE

GPO is transforming from a print-centric agency to one that delivers Federal information products and services from a digital platform. The Future Digital System (FDsys) will enable GPO to better manage digital content and provide multiple outputs, including print.

On August 2, 2006, GPO awarded a contract for Master Integrator (MI) services. An MI is a contractor responsible for collaborating with GPO to design, develop, and deploy the technologies and applications that will comprise FDsys. As the FDsys MI, the contractor will integrate technologies and applications together to deliver a fully functional system. The MI will also assist GPO with system testing and training.

In early 2007, the first internal system release will be launched. This will be a pilot of core capabilities, the primary purpose being to validate that the correct selection has been made for the Content Management System (CMS).

The first public release of FDsys will be in August 2007. This release will build upon the capabilities of the pilot. In addition, it calls for both a primary hosting site and a backup site that are geographically separated. All content and metadata will be replicated from the primary site to the backup site.

This past June, the FDsys team established the Interagency Council for Digital Content Submission (ICDCS) for Federal agency customers. The goals of ICDCS are to validate FDsys requirements, uncover new requirements, stimulate communication between the various departments within agencies that may be affected by FDsys (print, Web, and IT departments), and provide opportunities for beta testing FDsys components and interfaces.

For more information on FDsys, go to:

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

DISASTER RECOVERY

GPO has awarded a disaster recovery contract that will result in the migration of all Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) data. This data consists of approximately 2,800 databases across more than 40 applications. Objectives of the contract will include providing a complete backup system to assure availability to all of GPO's web services. GPO has completed the first phase of its disaster recovery project, which includes initial high availability and distributed content delivery for portions of *GPO Access* applications.

This contract will migrate the remaining applications to a consistent dataset that will enable indexed searchable data in a non-proprietary format, as well as enhanced components and features for *GPO Access* applications. This also will assist GPO in developing a streamlined workflow using current search engine technology for its online data dissemination.

WEB DISCOVERY AND HARVESTING

GPO's six-month pilot project to harvest online Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publications automatically has concluded. This was a collaborative project implemented by GPO, EPA, and two vendors. The goal for the pilot was to learn about available methodologies and technologies for automated Web discovery, assessment, and harvesting of U.S. Government publications within the scope of GPO's information dissemination programs.

Overall, GPO has been very pleased with the amount of knowledge and experience gained during the pilot. The results of the pilot are still being analyzed, but they have already generated numerous ideas about how to improve upon the accuracy of the harvests. A paper on the results of the pilot will be published in November. GPO will conduct another pilot to continue development of automated publication harvesting tools and methodologies in preparation for full implementation within FDsys. GPO already has all of the digital content from the pilot. Our goal is to catalog in-scope publications harvested from this pilot, starting with an investigation of the results of the automated comparison between the third crawl results with the EPA records in the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications.

Preliminary 3rd crawl results	Vendor 1	Vendor 2
Documents determined to be in scope by harvester tool	83,229	239,478

- Documents as reported above are Web page files, which may consist of a complete publication, or part of a publication, such as a chapter or appendix.
- The third crawl included the “surface Web” and 7 “deep Web” resources.

To learn more about the pilot, please attend the session on Monday, October 23 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Ticonderoga/York/Valley Forge rooms.

AUTHENTICATION

GPO is engaged in a major authentication initiative designed 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. This authentication initiative, which employs Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) technology, will allow users to determine that the files are unchanged since GPO authenticated them.

GPO is procuring the necessary tools and capabilities to automate the application of digital signatures on Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Approximately 85 percent of the content on *GPO Access* has PDF files available. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in late 2005, the resulting bids were evaluated, and a contract award was made in early October. Authentication will begin after the installation and testing of the tool.

DIGITIZATION OF LEGACY PUBLICATIONS

GPO is currently conducting a demonstration project for the digitization of legacy publications. Priorities for digitization include legislative and regulatory material that expands the coverage of the most popular *GPO Access* databases. GPO will conduct an assessment of its digitization pilot in December and subsequently share the results with the library community.

For more information, go to:

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

GPO is seeking donations of the following titles: Public and Private Laws, 101st and 102nd Congress; and various U.S. Reports from 1990 to the present. To see a complete listing, go to:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/donations.html>

For publication donations or further information, please contact the Office of Archival Management at (202) 512-1187, or via askGPO at:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/help>

FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY HANDBOOK

Volunteers from the depository library community have worked diligently to create draft chapters for the new *Federal Depository Library Handbook*. This new Handbook will combine and update the existing *Federal Depository Library Manual* and *Instructions to Depository Libraries* into one online document. The draft chapters are posted on the Handbook web page at:

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

Comments on draft chapters 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are being reviewed and incorporated as appropriate. Chapter 12 was sent out for review by regional libraries and the comments are being reviewed. Chapter 15 was sent to Federal libraries and the comments are being reviewed. GPO staff has nearly completed the edits for Chapters 5, 6, and 7. All chapters will be posted for comment as they become available. Please use the web form on the Handbook web page to submit comments. GPO's goal is to post final versions of the majority of chapters by the end of 2006.

CD-ROM DATA MIGRATION

GPO is working with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and others to devise a data migration strategy to ensure that the content of the CD-ROMs that have been distributed to depository libraries remains accessible. There will be an education session on CD-ROM data migration on Monday, October 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Columbia B. A panel will present information on projects to ensure continued access to content of CD-ROMs in three depository libraries.

LOCKSS

Twenty-one libraries participated in the GPO LOCKSS pilot project that began in June 2005. The final report on the project is nearly complete and should be released later this fall. 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.

For more information, go to:

http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/lockss

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Annual Interagency Depository Seminar

The 2007 Annual Interagency Depository Seminar will be held July 30-August 3, in Washington, DC. The free seminar, open to depository library staff, provides an opportunity for both new and experienced documents personnel to review basic materials and learn about new products directly from Federal agency staff. Tours of Federal agency libraries are included. Registration and hotel reservation information will be announced on the GPO-FDLP-L listserv and on the FDLP desktop:

www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html

Spring Depository Library Council Meeting

The Spring 2007 Depository Library Council Meeting will be held April 15-18 in Denver, CO, at the Adams Mark Hotel. Registration and hotel reservation information will be announced on the GPO-FDLP-L listserv and on the FDLP desktop:

www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html

The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will cover current issues concerning Federal Government information and the FDLP.

DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER STATISTICS

During FY 2006 (October 2005 - September 2006), GPO distributed a total of 4,900,043 tangible copies of 10,070 titles (this includes print, microfiche, CD's and DVD's). This is an increase of 663,721 tangible copies and 859 titles, compared to FY 2005, when GPO distributed 4,236,322 tangible copies of 9,211 titles.

USGS map distribution during FY 2006 included 681 titles and 72,018 copies; the totals are lower than those for FY 2005, when 2587 titles and 314,702 copies were distributed. The drop was due to internal distribution changes at USGS, which caused delayed delivery during FY 2006. GPO expects to see increased distribution early in FY 2007. For FY 2006, 11,414 bibliographic records, up from 10,452 in FY 2005, and 11,083 PURLs were created, of which 6,619 are links to publications on agency web sites, up from 8,441 in FY 2005.

As of August 2006, 93 percent of depository titles distributed were available online and only 8 percent of depository titles distributed were tangible-only, with no electronic equivalent. About 25 percent of the titles distributed were available online and in one or more tangible formats.

GPO ACCESS STATISTICS

In FY 2006, 452.4 million documents were retrieved from *GPO Access*, averaging nearly 37.7 million a month, or 1.2 million per day. Retrievals from *GPO Access* since its inception in 1994 now total 2.85 billion.

For FY 2006, 16,202 online titles and 6,619 PURL links to agency titles outside of *GPO Access* were added for a total of 22,821 new online titles on *GPO Access*. These additions bring the total number of titles on *GPO Access* to 209,651, and the total number of titles linked from *GPO Access* to 47,954. In addition, 515,316 titles are available through partnership sites. The total number of titles accessible through *GPO Access* is 772,921 (total titles on *GPO Access*, PURL links to agency titles, and partnership titles).

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (SALES)

GPO continues to move towards innovative relationships with the private sector to create new business models for its Sales Program. GPO released a Request for Proposal on April 12, 2006. The submission period closed on Thursday, August 31, 2006, and GPO has reviewed the proposals. Best and final offers are due from the bidders by the end of October, and GPO anticipates contract awards by the end of calendar 2006.