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GPO LEARNS ABOUT ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY OPTIONS FROM PAPER INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON— Public Printer Robert C. Tapella met with dozens of paper industry leaders from around the world to listen and learn about paper sustainability. Industry leaders traveled to GPO headquarters with products to explain the challenges facing their industry in creating more sustainable paper. GPO wanted to learn what those challenges are in order to provide customers with green paper options. GPO hopes this open dialogue with the paper industry will continue as they navigate and determine the parameters for gauging paper sustainability.

“Our federal customers have asked for more sustainable paper choices,” said Public Printer Robert C. Tapella. “GPO is one of the largest providers of copier paper to federal agencies in the National Capital Region. I believe GPO has the obligation to be good stewards of our resources and to conduct business in an environmentally, economically, fiscally sound and sustainable manner.”

Tapella outlined in January his vision for sustainable environmental stewardship at GPO and is exploring ways to use more environmentally responsible paper in GPO’s plant and for customers. Link to speech: http://www.gpo.gov/news/speeches/PP_CPSUSpeech.pdf

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