

Depository Selection Mechanisms: Proposed New Models

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Overview

Timeline:

- Oct. 2004** Review of item numbers and discussion of alternatives began
- Sept. 2005** First briefing papers released
- Oct. 2005** Comments received
- Feb. 2006** Revised briefing papers released
- Apr. 2006** Discussion at DLC meeting



Overview

Factors in Decision Making:

- ◆ **Distribution and selection tied together**
- ◆ **Need to move off legacy systems by end of 2007**
- ◆ **Finite number of item numbers in current system; online titles accelerated their use**
- ◆ **Different requirements for distribution of tangibles and provision of access to online titles led to proposal of different models for tangible and online titles**



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Questionnaire

- 1. Do you agree that the requirements for distribution of tangible publications are different enough from the requirements for online dissemination to merit separate mechanisms for selection and distribution?**
- 2. Do you agree that the item number system needs to be revised to reflect the increasing number of online publications?**
- 3. Do you agree that the system needs to be revised to allow more flexibility for tangible selection?**



Proposed Model for Selection of Online Publications

Objectives:

- ◆ Reflect the importance of online publications
- ◆ Free selection of online publications from constraints of a system designed to distributed tangible publications
- ◆ Increase the flexibility of depository coordinators to select only those publications that best meet the needs of their users



Proposed Model for Selection of Online Publications

- ◆ **Two selection mechanisms:**
 - **Select using collection development tools**
 - **Select using agency-based item numbers**
- ◆ **Use the mechanism that best suits your needs or a combination of the two**
- ◆ **GPO will continue to create unique SuDoc numbers for online publications**



Proposed Model for Selection of Online Publications

Collection Development Tools:

- ◆ Develop ILS services to allow for selection by subject, issuing agency, and geography
 - Provide brief bibliographic information and a PURL
 - Enable examination of a publication before inclusion in a depository collection



Proposed Model for Selection of Online Publications

Collection Development Tools, *continued*:

- ◆ Expand New Titles page to retrieve new cataloging records by pre-determined date range (*in testing*)
- ◆ Issue bibliographies on specific topic areas (*under development*)
- ◆ Allow saved searches (profiles) that execute searches at regular intervals (*under development*)



Proposed Model for Selection of Online Publications

Agency-Based Item Numbers:

- ◆ Provide one item number for all online publications issued by a single agency
 - Include all agencies and bureaus listed in the *List of Classes*
 - Example: 25 separate item numbers for online publications from the Department of Agriculture and its subordinate agencies



Proposed Model for Selection of Online Publications

Agency-Based Item Numbers, *continued* :

- ◆ Assist regionals and depositories that collect comprehensively from certain agencies
- ◆ Indicate availability through the FDLP and inclusion in the National Bibliography



Proposed Model for Selection of Online Publications

Agency-Based Item Numbers, *continued*:

- ◆ Differentiate titles in multiple formats
 - Tangible version distributed under existing item number
 - Online version aggregated under the online item number for the issuing agency
- ◆ Add online item numbers to profile *twice a year* during the update cycle; drop item numbers at any time



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Questionnaire

- 4. What type of collection development tools would assist you the most in selecting online publications?**
- 5. If the proposed model is implemented, which option will you consider using to select online publications?**
- 6. Do you or your users use the “Locate Libraries” feature of the CGP for online publications?**



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Questionnaire

- 7.** Currently, GPO uses item numbers to record the online publications for which a depository library agrees to provide access. Do you agree that this function should be maintained in any new model for online selection?
- 8.** If the proposed model were adopted, how much time would be needed to review the new collection development tools before implementing the proposed changes to item numbers?



Proposed Model for Selection of Tangible Publications

Objectives:

- ◆ Give libraries greater control over selection and receipt of tangible materials
- ◆ Reduce distribution of unwanted titles
- ◆ Enable GPO to offer depository libraries flexible services, more comparable to book dealer best practices
- ◆ Improve feedback mechanism



Proposed Model for Selection of Tangible Publications

Categories for Selection:

- ◆ High profile titles distributed to all depository libraries
 - 9/11 Commission Report
 - Katrina Reports
- ◆ Libraries designate other items as “selected,” “review,” or “non-selected” based on local needs



Proposed Model for Selection of Tangible Publications

Categories for Selection, *continued*:

- ◆ Selected items
 - Same as items selected in the current system
 - Similar to standing orders
- ◆ Review items
 - New criteria for selection
 - Review an electronic copy
 - Request tangible if desired after review of electronic copy



Proposed Model for Selection of Tangible Publications

Categories for Selection, *continued*:

- ◆ Non-selected items
 - Similar to items not selected in current system
 - Copies remaining after libraries that designated the item as “selected” or “review” would be made available on a first come, first serve basis
- ◆ Feedback mechanism would enable GPO to make better decisions over time



Proposed Model for Selection of Tangible Publications

Other Factors:

- ◆ Five-year retention rule continues to apply to all tangible publications received
- ◆ Add tangible item numbers to profile twice a year during the update cycle; drop item numbers at any time
- ◆ Titles with limited distribution continue to be limited
 - *Serial Set and Bound Congressional Record*



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Questionnaire

- 9.** If the proposed model for selection of tangible publications were adopted, depository libraries will have a specified time period to review and select titles with items they have designated as “review.” What is a reasonable time period for review and selection of these items?
- 10.** If your library is not a regional, how would you use the review items?



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Questionnaire

- 11.** Would you consider the additional workload of having to review some titles before receipt an acceptable tradeoff to allow more specificity in selection of tangible items and reduce unwanted items held for 5 years?
- 12.** What is an appropriate claims period for selected items (similar to standing orders)?
- 13.** What is an appropriate claims period for review items (similar to review copies)?



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Next Steps

- ◆ **Inclusion of tangible FDLP selection and distribution in RFP for Sales Program**
- ◆ **Use questionnaire responses to determine if proposed models are on track with depository needs**
- ◆ **Analyze impact of the proposed models on GPO operations**



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Next Steps

Timeline:

- Apr. 2006** Release of Sales Program RFP, with optional FDLP selection and distribution component
- Apr. 2006** Questionnaires sent to depository community
- May 2006** Sales Program RFP proposals due
- May 2006** Review of questionnaires



Timeline:

Sum. 2006 Analysis of proposed models and impact on GPO operations;
Release of white paper for comment

Aug. 2006 Sales Program contract award



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Additional questions or comments?

**Item Selection Briefing Papers available at:
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Questionnaire

**Please return the completed questionnaire
as you leave the room.**

**If you need more time,
return it to the registration desk
or fax it to (202) 512-2300.**



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Thank you for your input.

**Your comments will be helpful as we
move forward in this process.**



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