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## **WORLD WIDE WEB TECHNOLOGY IS KEY TO NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

The U.S. Government Printing Office has entered into an agreement with the Department of Energy (DOE) that will provide the public and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) electronic access to Government-sponsored research. This partnership is established by DOE, the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI), and GPO Library Programs Service (LPS).

In December 1997, DOE and GPO signed an Interagency Agreement (IA) that will make available thousands of DOE reports in electronic image format, free of charge through the FDLP. Using World Wide Web technology, users will enter the DOE electronic dissemination system, known as "Information Bridge," through GPO Access at [www.access.gpo.gov](http://www.access.gpo.gov). This gateway will provide a specially designed public view to the more than 23,000 DOE reports currently available electronically.

Dr. Walter Warnick, Director of OSTI stated, "The public will be able to access from this web site DOE funded research and development output since January 1996 and reports will continue to be added on a daily basis as research information is released."

"We are very pleased to be working with DOE on this ground-breaking partnership," said Francis J. Buckley, Jr., GPO's Superintendent of Documents. He added, "This project is significant because librarians and the public can access these reports directly through GPO Access. This is a major step in the transition to a more electronic Federal Depository Library Program."

A roll-out of the depository library version of Information Bridge is scheduled to occur during the Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council spring meeting, to be held in Arlington, VA, April 20-23, 1998.

GPO prints and distributes the publications of the Congress, the judiciary and the executive departments, and establishments of the Federal Government. The FDLP provides

government publications and government information to a network of nearly 1,400 geographically distributed libraries across the country, for comprehensive, equitable, dependable no-fee local access. Distribution is being accomplished on an increasing basis via electronic media in accordance with Public Law 103-40, “The Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993.”