

# NewsRelease

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 18, 2008

No. 08-32

MEDIA CONTACT: GARY SOMERSET 202.512.1957, 202.355.3997 cell [gsomerset@gpo.gov](mailto:gsomerset@gpo.gov)

## GPO CHIEF OF STAFF NAMED EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office’s (GPO) Chief of Staff, Maria S. Lefevre, was honored by the Stevie Awards for Women in Business for her accomplishments at the agency. Lefevre took executive of the year honors, as one of the top executives in public and private sector organizations worldwide. Executives from organizations such as Dow Jones & Company, Blackboard, Travelocity and AARP were among contenders for this year’s awards. The Stevie Awards honor women executives, business owners and entrepreneurs for making a positive impact in their profession.

Lefevre is the first female Chief of Staff in the 150-year history of GPO. She is responsible for advising the Public Printer on all aspects of the agency’s business and managing the direction, policy and goals for one of the largest manufacturing and digital information facilities in the world. She is a member of the executive team responsible for turning the agency’s balance sheet from losses of \$100 million to a net income of \$10 million. Lefevre oversees the day-to-day operations and budgets for GPO’s executive offices that include: Congressional Relations, Communications, General Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity, Inspector General, Quality Assurance and Chief Technology Officer.

Link to photo: <http://www.gpo.gov/news/images/index.html>

“Maria is literally my right hand in helping to transform this government agency,” said Public Printer Robert C. Tapella. “Her tenacity, fairness, openness, and uncanny good judgment have won the respect of managers and employees alike. One of the secrets to her success is she listens, gathers the facts and develops a solution. That philosophy has made a positive difference for GPO employees.”

“I am honored and humbled to be recognized for the work I do at GPO,” said GPO Chief of Staff Maria S. Lefevre. “It is truly an honor to work with tremendously talented employees. They are the ones who have helped transform this agency into the thriving force it is today. I would like to thank the employees and wonderful staff I work with every day.”

The GPO is the Federal Government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. Government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three Branches of the Federal Government. In addition to publication sales, GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through GPO Access ([www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)), and through partnerships with approximately 1,250 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov).

###