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CALIFORNIA LAW LIBRARY TAKES LIBRARY OF THE YEAR HONORS

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) named California’s Law Library for San Bernardino County as the 2008 Federal Depository Library of the Year. The library services the largest county, in land area, in the United States. The library has made great strides in offering its residents resources to government information. To meet the needs of its patrons, the library has extended its hours of operation, developed a new and improved user-friendly website and offers the AskNow Law Librarian online reference service. The library staff also conducts extensive public outreach by promoting law library materials and services to civic and community organizations. To continue to maintain an open relationship with the public, the library conducts customer satisfaction surveys and uses the results to improve services where needed. Public Printer Robert C. Tapella presented the award to library officials at the annual Fall Federal Depository Library Conference.

Link to Library of the Year presentation: <http://www.gpo.gov/news/images/index.html>

“The Law Library for San Bernardino County has done an outstanding job of providing the public access to the documents of our democracy,” said Public Printer Robert C. Tapella. “For nearly 200 years, depository libraries have safeguarded the public’s right to know and are one of the vital links between the public and its government.”

“We are deeply honored and privileged to receive the award,” said Lawrence R. Meyer, Director Law Library for San Bernardino County. “We appreciate its significance to the depository community and the recognition the award conveys specifically to the Law Library for San Bernardino County as well as the recognition it places upon all Law Libraries that participate in the FDLP as selective depositories or through shared housing arrangements. In particular this award emphasizes the importance of publicly accessible county law libraries to the FDLP.”

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ABOUT FDLP:

The FDLP was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has free access to its Government's information. Since 1813, depository libraries have safeguarded the public's right to know by providing local, no-fee access to Government information in an impartial environment with professional assistance. For more information, please visit www.fdlp.gov.

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