Plenary Session:
GPO Digital Content Forum –
A Day in Your Life with FDsys
Q&A Summary

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Background

The presentation on April 4, 2006, provided information about Innovation and New Technology (INT) outreach activities and Federal depository librarians' interactions with FDsys in the form of content and transactional user scenarios. The scenarios were developed from the user requirements included in the FDsys Requirements Document version 2.0. The presentation focused on the interactions of depository librarians and their patrons in relation to accessing content and performing transactions.

The session was facilitated by Mike Wash, Chief Technical Officer, and Ric Davis, Director, Library Services and Content Management. Presentations were given by Moira Shea, Director, Program Communications; Gil Baldwin, Associate Director, Program Management; Selene Dalecky, Associate Director, Program Management; and Lisa LaPlant, Senior Program Planner.

Question 1:
Out of the ten scenarios, were there any fees associated with accessing the content?

Summarized Response:
FDsys has been designed from the ground up to support free public access, and the system will include End User interfaces that provide free access to the public and Federal depository libraries. Default End Users interfaces will be available for users who do not want to register with the system, and users who choose to register will have the ability to use customization and personalization capabilities. In addition, the system will have the ability to support the GPO Sales Program, but the business unit will determine when and where this capability is enabled.

Question 2:
In relation to the transactional scenario dealing with librarians contributing training materials, will librarians be contributing content under an agreement that the content is in the public domain or will they be contributing content under another type of license?

Summarized Responses:
GPO will continue to work with council and the FDLP community to develop policies for the contribution of training materials.

Question 3:
Does the system include requirements for both pushing and pulling content from the system?

Summarized Response:
Yes.

Question 4:
What is the relationship between FDsys and *GPO Access*?

Summarized Response:
FDsys will enhance the functionality currently available from *GPO Access*.

Question 5:
Will other systems have the ability to harvest metadata from FDsys?

Summarized Response:
Yes. The FDsys Requirements Document version 2.0 includes a requirement that the system should be compliant with OAI-PMH.

Question 6:
What types of metadata will the system include?

Summarized Response:
The system will include numerous different categories of metadata including descriptive, technical, structural, preservation, and administrative metadata.

Question 7:
Will FDsys be the delivery system for tangible printed publications?

Summarized Response:
The system will have the capability to interface and provide content to other systems (e.g., digital print on demand systems) for the delivery of hard copy publications.

Question 8:
Does the system include User Support requirements for functions that are currently available today such as askGPO?

Summarized Response:
The FDsys Requirements Document version 2.0 includes requirements for User Support including current functionality such as a knowledge base and enhanced functionality such as collaboration tools.

Question 9:
How does GPO plan to implement a program of digital deposit, and what are the plans to incorporate digitally deposited publications into GPO's preservation strategy?

Summarized Response:
GPO will continue to work with the library community to clarify what is entailed in the concept of "digital deposit", whether it is simply receiving a document through push technology or whether there's an intention to manage the document over time using a full range of preservation processes.

Question 10:
Does GPO plant to make pre-1976 cataloging records available to Federal depository libraries?

Summarized Response:
Yes.

Question 11:
Will the system provide the capability to track content as it flows through the system? For example, the system should provide the capability to record that a depository copy was printed and delivered on a particular date at no charge to the individual depository library.

Summarized Response:
Yes.

Comments from Council and Audience

- Numerous council and audience members commended GPO on the FDsys requirements including requirements related to a registry of experts, "MyFDsys," digital deposit, related publications and resources, customization, and personalization. Council also noted the importance of requirements related to content authenticity, integrity, and chain of custody.

- As necessary, GPO should continue to work with council and the FDLP community to develop policies related to enhanced FDsys capabilities such as a registry of experts, collaborative training materials, related resources, and tools for librarians to submit reviews of content.

Additional Scenarios Suggested by Council and Audience

- General public End User access scenario.
- Push and pull of content and records.
- Access scenarios showing the linking of related Congressional materials.
- GPO Sales Program scenarios.
- FDsys content aggregated and combined with content from other systems.
- A depository librarian has taken over the responsibility of the depository collection for a small selective depository library. The depository librarian wants to create a database for the acquisitions librarian of everything that the library receives. The depository librarian should have the capability to access their selection list including titles, item numbers, classification numbers, and retail value of each title and export this information in Microsoft Excel or Access formats.
- Track content as it flows through the system from agency submission, content management, and delivery to depository libraries.
- Version control scenario highlighting access to both current and historical information.
- MyFDsys scenario including a three tiered model with interfaces for a depository librarian, library staff, and the public.