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## **ROBERT C. TAPELLA NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF**

Robert C. Tapella has been named Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). He reports to Chief of Staff Frank A. Partlow, Jr., with responsibility for strategic planning and related functions.

A 1991 graduate in graphic communications and printing management from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA, one of the Nation's leading schools in printing and graphic communications, Tapella comes to the GPO following several assignments on Capitol Hill.

From 1996 to 2000, he served as professional staff on the House of Representatives Committee on House Oversight, where he supervised the Office of Member Services; Chief of Staff to Rep. Bill Redmond (R-NM); and Special Assistant to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, where he worked on strategic planning for re-engineering the information technology infrastructure of the House legislative process and developed plans for major information technology initiatives for the Office of the Clerk. Tapella gained his first legislative office experience from 1986 to 1993, when he worked as district representative for Rep. Bill Thomas (R-CA).

"We're extremely fortunate to have an individual of Bob's training and experience to work on GPO's strategic planning efforts," said Public Printer of the United States Bruce R. James. "His educational background and practical expertise in legislative information systems will be essential to our efforts to guide the transformation of the GPO into an information factory designed to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

A California native, Tapella is a past National Board member and current member of the Young Republican National Federation, Inc., an alumnus of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, and an alumnus of Leadership Sunnyvale's Class of 1995. He resides in Alexandria, VA.

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