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## **AS GPO'S ONLINE SERVICES SURGE IN POPULARITY, DALLAS BOOKSTORE TO CLOSE**

With nearly a quarter of a million titles available online and free of charge, and with public retrievals exceeding 30 million every month, **GPO Access** ([www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess](http://www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess)), a service of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), has become one of the principal tools for providing public access to official U.S. Government information. As a result, the GPO has been phasing out its brick-and-mortar bookstore operations nationwide, an action that will significantly reduce costs. On Friday, March 14, GPO's Dallas bookstore, in room 1C42 of the Federal Building at 1100 Commerce Street, will close its doors to the public, the latest in a series of changes marking the GPO's transformation into a primarily electronic information disseminating agency.

"The GPO is charting a course to remake itself as an agency committed to excellence and the use of new technologies in meeting the information demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century," said Public Printer of the United States Bruce R. James. "Our bookstores have provided a great service to the public, but the business of Government information production and delivery is changing, and we are not only changing with it, we will help lead that change."

In addition to providing online access to Government information via **GPO Access**, GPO is actively transitioning its Federal Depository Library Program, serving 1,200 libraries nationwide, to a predominately electronic basis. GPO also offers an online bookstore at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>. The online bookstore's sales catalog includes all titles available for sale and can be searched by publication title, subject, or keywords. All titles can be ordered securely online using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover/Novus credit cards, and customers have a rapid delivery option via FedEx.

Customers can also order Government publications from the GPO toll free by telephone from 866-512-1800, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time; by fax from 202-512-2250; or by mail from Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.

Dallas area residents can also continue to locate and use U.S. Government books as well as online Government information free of charge in any of their local Federal depository libraries open to the public. In the Dallas area, these Federal depository collections are located at:

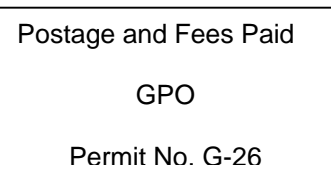
Dallas Public Library System	Southern Methodist University	Dallas Baptist University Vance Memorial Library
J. Erik Jonsson Library	Central University Libraries	3000 Mountain Creek Parkway
1515 Young Street	Airline at McFarlin	214-333-5320
214-670-1468	214-768-2331	

GPO has closed bookstores in San Francisco, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Birmingham, Cleveland, and Columbus, as well as one of its three stores in the Washington, DC, area. Other closings among the 15 remaining bookstores are under consideration.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the GPO has 3,000 employees in 30 locations nationwide. It is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. In addition to its own production facilities, the GPO maintains a pool of 13,000 private sector vendors throughout the country to produce print and other information products for the Federal Government ranging from Supreme Court decisions to IRS tax forms and crop reports for the Department of Agriculture. The GPO also distributes Government publications to the public via a sales program and through a nationwide network of more than 1,200 Federal depository libraries. GPO's Web site, **GPO Access**, at **[www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess](http://www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess)**, provides free online public access to more than 225,000 Federal Government titles. For more information about the GPO, go to the agency's Web site at **[www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov)**.

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