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## **NEARLY 300 LIBRARIANS CONVENE IN RENO TO MAP FUTURE OF FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM**

Under the leadership of Public Printer of the United States Bruce R. James, nearly 300 librarians and information professionals from around the Nation are convening in Reno, NV, April 6-9, 2003, to map out the future of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) at the Spring 2003 Conference of the Depository Library Council, an advisory body to the Public Printer. The meeting will be held at the Peppermill Hotel, 2707 South Virginia Street (775-826-2121 or toll free 1-800-282-2444). There is no charge for the meeting.

Administered by the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), the FDLP partners with approximately 1,200 libraries nationwide to provide local, no-fee public access to information produced by the Federal Government and distributed to the libraries by the GPO in print, microform, CD-ROM, and GPO's online information service, **GPO Access** ([www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess](http://www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess)). Housed in public, academic, law and other libraries, Federal depository collections are used by millions of students, faculty, researchers, businesspersons, and others every year. The Depository Library Council is composed of 15 professionals appointed by the Public Printer who are drawn from the library and Government information communities nationwide.

With nearly two-thirds of all Federal titles coming into the FDLP now in online format, the theme of the Reno conference is "Visualizing the Depository Library of the Future." The agenda for Monday, April 7, will consist of a day-long facilitated discussion on the future of the FDLP with Public Printer James.

Noting that the FDLP dates to 1813 and is "one of the bedrock programs that keeps America informed," James said, "The ability to access and use Federal information is undergoing revolutionary changes. With the clear majority of information we disseminate now in online form, the library community and their longstanding partner, the GPO, are going to work together to develop a new model for the future of the FDLP that will meet the changing information needs of the American people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Subsequent program sessions will feature subjects related to the future of the FDLP. Time will be devoted to breakout sessions by type of library (law, public, academic, regional) to discuss the services that the GPO must provide now and in the future. Additional information on the Conference and registration can be accessed at: [www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdlp/tools/sp03coun.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/tools/sp03coun.html).

There are 11 Federal depository libraries in Nevada: the Nevada State Library and Archives and Nevada Supreme Court libraries in Carson City; the Elko County Library and library at Great Basin College in Elko; the Henderson District Public Library in Henderson; the Las Vegas Library at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas; and the University Library and the Law Library at the University of Nevada-Reno, the Law Library at the National Judicial College, the Washoe County Law Library, and the Washoe County Library, all in Reno.

A Nevada resident, Bruce James was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be Public Printer in 2002. In office since December, he has been leading a program of broad-based change at the GPO to improve customer service, bring in new technology, and transform the GPO from a print-based institution founded on a 19<sup>th</sup> century business model into an information factory staffed and equipped to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. Many of the Nation's most important information products, such as the *Congressional Record* and *Federal Register*, are produced at the GPO's main plant, a 1.5 million square-foot complex that is the largest information processing, printing, and distribution facility in the world. In addition to its own production facilities, the GPO maintains a pool of thousands of private sector vendors across the country to produce print and other information products for the Federal Government ranging from publications for the Defense Department to Supreme Court reports and tax and census forms. In addition to the FDLP and **GPOAccess**, the GPO sells Federal information products through online, phone, fax, and mail orders nationwide.

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