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FEMA TURNS TO GPOEXPRESS FOR PRINTING NEEDS DURING HURRICANE SEASON

WASHINGTON—Forecasters are again predicting that the upcoming 2007 Hurricane season will be an active one. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is preparing on many levels in the event that a hurricane hits the United States. FEMA will again rely on the U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) *GPOExpress* program to manage communications during response and recovery efforts following a hurricane or any natural disaster.

GPO contracted with FedEx Kinko's to create *GPOExpress* in 2006. The program uses state-of-the-art technologies to support printing needs for all three branches of the Federal Government. This nationwide convenience printing agreement allows Federal Government personnel to place orders from any FedEx Kinko's Print Center, day or night. Orders can be walked-in or electronically placed directly from agency offices to FedEx Kinko's branches for simultaneous printing and delivery at any of their locations throughout the country. When using the new *GPOExpress* card, agencies will receive significant discounts below retail prices.

“When power goes out after a hurricane, FEMA can still communicate effectively in the disaster area by going directly to any FedEx Kinko's to fulfill a wide range of printing needs, including copying, binding, distribution and delivery,” said Jim Bradley, GPO's Managing Director of Customer Services. “This program is an example of the many technological advancements taking place at GPO that will help our customers and save the American taxpayer money.”

“By using the *GPOExpress* program, FEMA can improve response and communications to those communities affected by a hurricane or other natural disasters,” said Ken Brown, Manager of FEMA's Printing Office. “FEMA will also save the American taxpayer millions of dollars by taking advantage of the discounted prices offered through *GPOExpress*.”

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