Composition System Replacement (CSR) Post-Industry Day Responses

- 1. How many current Microcomp users are there?
 - 1.1 Assuming a desktop application, how many users will require desktop licenses?
 - 1.2 How many server installations do you expect?

GPO estimates that there are currently about 500-700 total users of Microcomp. Of this, there are approximately 250 external users who must be supported with CSR replacement. For budgetary purposes please use these figures as well:

- 100 concurrent internal users connected at any one time.
- 100 concurrent external users connected at any one time.

Given these figures, GPO would like to understand industry position on the most appropriate model for CSR (Client Server/Desktop) along with strengths, weakness and risks of each approach.

2. Would you require any of your third-party print vendors to standardize on the composition tools?

No.

3. Does GPO have a preliminary budget estimate?

No. CSR is in Market Research and Discovery. An acquisition path has yet to be determined.

4. Does GPO have a target date for RFP and then contract award?

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5. Will we be able to define new workflows and practices, or will the new tool be expected to fit into your existing practices?

We expect the new system to streamline current workflows and practices. The existing workflows will be used as a baseline, but GPO welcomes suggestions to improve efficiency of these workflows.

6. Will proofing of content be required? If so, what level of granularity?

Yes. Proofs are produced in galley and page formats. Galleys usually contain two to three pages of text.

7. What is the typical production cycle at GPO?

For a document such as the Congressional Record the entire production cycle – from receipt of copy to finished product is approximately 6 hours. For a detailed description of the production process at GPO, please see Section 6 of the Concept of Operations Document, "Operational Scenarios."

7.1 Will requests for proofs be submitted remotely?

GPO would be interested in hearing more about options for production and proofing, including remote proofs, soft proofs, etc.

8. What kind of user interface is expected for CSR?

Please see Section 3.2.7 of the Preliminary Requirements Document, "User Interface."

9. Describe the expected CSR user classes?

Please see section 5.5 of the Concept of Operations Document, "User Classes and Other Involved Personnel."

10. What volumes of throughput are expected (e.g., documents per day/hour, pages per day/hour)? Do these values include proof pages or are they final pages

These numbers are not available at this time.

11. Will a 'template' based system be used?

Templates are one example of format generation that could be used by the system. GPO is open to suggestions from vendors on the methods to be used.

12. Does CSR have to interface with the FDsys throughout an entire document lifecycle or after generation?

When CSR is implemented, the native document files and resulting composed files will be deposited into FDsys for access and preservation purposes. CSR needs to be able to produce these files for submission to FDsys.