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## GPO PRODUCES 75 MILLION ELECTRONIC PASSPORTS

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has achieved a milestone in the production of the Nation’s passport for the Department of State (DOS). GPO has produced 75 million electronic passports at its secure production facilities in Washington, D.C. and Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. GPO first started producing electronic passports in 2005. The passport includes an integrated, secure chip and antenna. GPO has been responsible for passport production for DOS since the 1920s. Both of GPO’s passport production facilities are ISO 9001 certified. ISO is the International Organization for Standardization and the world’s largest developer of international standards used by government, business and new information technology companies and agencies. These globally recognized standards of excellence for production and quality processes assure customers that the agency or company meets their expectations.

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“This is a significant accomplishment for GPO and one more step forward in our long history of producing the passport for the Department of State,” said Acting Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks. “GPO is a leader in the production of secure credentials and I am proud our employees have contributed to strengthening the security of the passport and our Nation.”

“We appreciate GPO’s continued support of the Department and our efforts to modernize the U.S. passport. Passport issuance, a function of the Department’s Bureau of Consular Affairs, is our most visible domestic public service program, and we look forward to continuing our healthy and collaborative relationship with GPO,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Michael D. Kirby.

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