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## GPO EMPLOYEE BATTLING BRAIN CANCER TO COMPETE IN THE IRONMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

WASHINGTON—BethAnn Telford, an employee of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), will compete in the IRONMAN World Championship in Kona, Hawaii this October. Telford was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2005, since that time she has endured two brain surgeries and has completed two IRONMAN competitions and three Boston Marathons. Telford entered the Kona Inspired video contest that gives athletes an opportunity to share their stories of endurance and demonstrate the IRONMAN mantra that “Anything is Possible.” Telford’s video was initially selected from hundreds of video submissions, then went through an additional round of voting by the public, and selected as one of eight athletes offered the chance to compete in the IRONMAN World Championship. Telford is an advocate in promoting awareness about brain cancer and has raised more than \$350,000 for the National Brain Tumor Society and Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure. She is native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and currently serves as GPO’s special events coordinator.

Link to video: [http://apps.facebook.com/konainspired/?x=us\\_facebookapp\\_348\\_16](http://apps.facebook.com/konainspired/?x=us_facebookapp_348_16)

“BethAnn’s perseverance and optimistic attitude is an inspiration to GPO’s employees. On behalf of the agency, I wish her luck as she competes at the IRONMAN World Championship,” said Acting Public Printer Vance-Cooks.

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