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TO: U.S. GPO Chief Management Officer (CMO) and Deputy Public Printer

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: Michael Wash *M Wash 11/13/09*
U.S. GPO Chief Information Officer (CIO)
U.S. GPO Designated Approval Authority (DAA)

SUBJECT: Security Accreditation and Authority to Operate – U.S. GPO Principle Certification Authority and Subordinate Certificate Authority

A Security Certification review of the U. S. Government Printing Office (GPO) Principle Certification Authority (PCA) and Subordinate Certification Authority (SCA) and their constituent level components, located at 732 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington DC, was conducted recently, in accordance with official NIST guidance and requirements, since it had been three (3) years from the date of these systems' initial Authority to Operate. I have carefully reviewed the results of the Security Certification documentation.

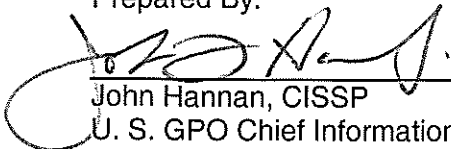
Based on the information provided in the Security Certification documentation, I have determined that the confirmed weaknesses in the GPO PCA and SCA and the plans to resolve and address those weaknesses result in a level of residual risk to the operations and assets of the GPO that are acceptable. Accordingly, I am issuing an Authority to Operate (ATO) to the GPO PCA and SCA.

This accreditation is contingent on the continued application of the security controls in place. This accreditation is valid for a period of three (3) years from the issue date of this memorandum unless a significant change occurs to the PCA or SCA systems which require the System to be re-accredited.

The senior official in charge of the System is responsible for ensuring that any significant change in the system's configuration (hardware, software and/or firmware) or operating environment is analyzed to determine its impact on the system's security and that appropriate action is taken to maintain the system security at a level consistent with this ATO.

The GPO Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Operational Authority and the GPO Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) shall retain a copy of this ATO letter along with the supporting documentation.

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U. S. GPO Chief Information Security Officer

11/12/09
Date