



**OLIVIER A. GIROD**  
**Managing Director of Plant Operations**

As the Managing Director of Plant Operations, Olivier A. Girod is responsible for leading an around-the-clock manufacturing business unit. Girod oversees the Production department which publishes essential government documents such as the *Congressional Record*, *Federal Register*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, *President's Budget*, and Legislative bills, hearings and reports; the Operations Support department which manages and maintains agency buildings, machinery and equipment to provide a productive and safe working environment for employees; and the Quality Control and Inventory Management department which runs the printing plant's receiving, warehousing, shipping and quality testing functions.

**Biography**

Girod joined GPO as Deputy Managing Director, Plant Operations, in 2004, after a decade with The Washington Post Company, LLC. As full deputy under then Managing Director Bob Schwenk, he had the opportunity to work on the implementation of a variety of technology upgrades in the areas of proofing, computer to plate, process color, bookbinding, digital printing and e-Passport manufacturing. Following Schwenk's retirement, he served as the "Executive Champion" for the Stennis, Mississippi, secure passport facility construction project. Girod was promoted to Managing Director in 2008.

While at *The Washington Post*, Girod held a variety of technical, program and operations management positions. In these roles, he implemented engineering tools and techniques for improving the performance of manufacturing processes and led initiatives for supporting new business strategies. He had joined the newspaper in 1994 as an intern in the Production Department while attending graduate school. He served as a consultant in the Post's Systems and Engineering Department in 1995 and became Manager of Industrial Engineering the following year. He returned to Production in 2000 as Manager of Packaging and Distribution to run a 24-by-7 multimillion dollar manufacturing operation with a staff of approximately 500 members. Previously, he worked as an engineer in the aerospace and nuclear industries.

Girod graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from ENSAM School at the Paris Institute of Technology (France). He received his M.S. in industrial engineering from Texas Tech and a Ph.D. in industrial and systems engineering from Virginia Tech. He completed executive programs at Georgetown University (leadership) and MIT (technology, operations and value chain management). A registered Professional Engineer (Virginia), he is a senior member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers and American Society for Quality. Girod and his family established an excellence endowment in support of the Virginia Tech College of Engineering in 2003. He was inducted into the Texas Tech Academy of Industrial Engineers in 2008.