



May 11, 2012

The Honorable Gregg Harper
Chairman
Joint Committee on Printing
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Government Printing Office (GPO) is planning to formalize an interagency agreement with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to administer the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey to all interested GPO employees. The survey is a management tool to collect the opinions and concerns of employees, which can be used as the basis for positive change. The survey findings will be analyzed and used to develop and deliver detailed reports, web postings and presentations. The cost of OPM's services for this survey will be \$28,000.

In previous years GPO has done its own surveys of this kind but the response rates have been disappointingly low and have consumed significant staff time. OPM will provide independent data collection and analysis of the GPO employees' responses to the same Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey that they are currently providing to 1.8 million Federal executive branch employees. Becoming an employer of choice is one of the 10 goals in GPO's strategic vision. The responses of GPO's employees can be used as a baseline for improvements based on governmentwide best practices.

Under the Joint Committee on Printing Resolution of April 1987, I respectfully request the Committee's approval to proceed with this interagency agreement. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact GPO's Congressional Relations Officer, Mr. Andrew Sherman, at 202-512-1991, or by email at asherman@gpo.gov.

Sincerely,

Approved: _____

Gregg Harper
Gregg Harper, Chairman

Date: _____

May 18, 2012

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