State of the Federal Depository Library Program
Challenges & Opportunities

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Managing FDLP Collections Across the Region
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*FY 2010, as of July 31 (FY ends September 30th)
Reasons for Leaving the FDLP

- Online is the preferred format for their users
- Changing user needs
- Evolving mission changed services library provides
- Staff cuts
- Budget cuts
- Library closed or merged with another library
- Collection is not used
Current State of the FDLP

- 1,225 depository libraries as of 07/31/2010
- Of the regional Biennial Survey respondents, 9 (17%) were considering changing their designation to selective
- 49 regional depository libraries
2009 Needs Assessment/Biennial Survey

- 1,127 libraries submitted the survey
- Considered major problems or challenges (20%) or minor problems or challenges (58-80%):
  - Budget Constraints
  - Staffing
  - Workload
  - Space
  - Cost Containment
- Respondents (60%) are satisfied with most services provided to their libraries by GPO
- One third of respondents do not conduct studies to measure library performance with regard to depository services and usage
Adequate staffing?

- Some variation noted between library categories: State Libraries (18%) and Public Libraries (19%) appear to experience the problem more than most; Federal Libraries experience it least (5%)

- Large and small libraries are close to the overall mean; medium libraries (9%) report having less difficulty

Q16. Do you find that depository staffing is adequate to fulfill basic depository responsibilities?
Depository Services Used By Actual Users

- Actual users of depository services constitute only a small proportion of all library users.

- There is no means of judging whether the small proportion results from lack of need or lack of knowledge.
Information Delivery By Library Type
Indicated as 5 Most Important Services

- Access to depository materials (90%)
- FDLP Desktop
- Free access to fee-based databases
- Persistent identifiers in cataloging records
- Cataloging to national standards
Important Services By Library Type
Least Important Services Provided

- FDLP Community Site
- OPAL
- Conferences
- Authentication of publications on GPO
- Access/FDsys
- Marketing/promotional materials
Least Important Services By Library Type
Services/Resources Depositories Need

- Digitized historical collections (by 60+%)
- Pre-1976 cataloging added to OCLC
- Online historical coverage of GPO Access/FDsys titles
- Ability to select items by subject
- Federated searching from the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)
Services Needed By Library Type
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What’s GPO Doing to Address Needs?

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Consulting Services to Develop Sustainable Models for the FDLP

- Recommendation of Depository Library Council
- Appropriations received
- Request for Information
- Request for Quotation
  - Posted to FedBizOpps (www.fbo.gov #GPO-LSCM-2010)
  - Deadline for submissions: August 12th
Disposition of Depository Materials

- Education
- Streamlining the process
- Automated Tool
  - Concept of Operations
  - Requirements Document
Questions? Comments?

Think of something later?

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