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Bonnie MacEwan	Auburn	AL	
Lucy Farrow	Montgomery	AL	
Lou Pitschmann	Tuscaloosa	AL	
Sherrie Schmidt	Tempe	AZ	I support the FDLP and the resulting services to the American public. I urge more thoughtful consideration of the ASERL proposal. We must together design sustainable practices given the advances in technology we have seen and continue to see.
Elizabeth A. Newsom	Berkeley	CA	
Elizabeth Dupuis	Berkeley	CA	In this era, our institutions should all be seeking ways to provide services and information efficiently, effectively and cooperatively. GPO and FDPL, no less and perhaps more than others, needs to be in sync with those goals.
Lorelei Tanji	Irvine	CA	On behalf of University of California Irvine Libraries (UC Irvine Libraries)
Karen Butter	San Francisco	CA	
Denise Stephens	Santa Barbara	CA	
Brian E. C. Schottlaender	UC San Diego Libraries	CA	
James F. Williams, II	Boulder	CO	Your timely support will be greatly appreciated.
Rachel Frick	washington	DC	
Artemis G. Kirk	Washington	DC	As the university librarian of a selective depository in the District of Columbia, I rely on our Regional which is in the State of Maryland. We therefore already collaborate with an out-of-district depository colleague and the arrangement works extremely well. I believe that there will need to be more collaborative arrangements among libraries regionally and across state lines, just as there are already. In all aspects of collections development, including government resources, collaborations and shared arrangements are becoming the norm, not the exception. I hope that the ASERL and Michigan/Minnesota initiatives will succeed.
Bruce Barron	Boca Raton	FL	I support this initiative which will greatly help depository libraries fulfill our collection maintenance responsibilities and will most importantly facilitate greater access to our collections by the public.
Troy Christenson	Boynton Beach	FL	
Lucinda Colee	Daytona Beach	FL	
Susan Ryan	DeLand	FL	Our librarians have followed this initiative closely, and we support the ASERL Plan to be imperative in moving the FDLP forward. As Florida's oldest federal depository library, we take pride in our documents collection and support all efforts to improve the efficiency of the program as well as improve public access to federal information.
Barbara Costello	DeLand	FL	A key component of the ASERL plan, the online documents disposition database, is invaluable in streamlining the process of withdrawing obsolete documents and making them available to other depository libraries. I also support the concept of establishing Centers of Excellence for specific agency or topical publication collections, providing access to these documents through interlibrary loan or other means is available equally to all depositories in the ASERL area.
Mary Paige Smith	Fort Lauderdale	FL	
Jeannette Neuschaefer	Fort Lauderdale	FL	
Angela Selph	Fort Pierce	FL	
Chelsea Dinsmore	Gainesville	FL	

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Jan Swanbeck	Gainesville	FL	I strongly support the ASERL plan, especially the disposition database that was created to facilitate the disposition process. This database that now has the capability to match needs with offers was enthusiastically adopted by my selectives. It does for the libraries in my state and the Southeast what GPO has been promising for years!
Courtenay McLeland	Jacksonville	FL	
Kathleen Krizek	Jacksonville	FL	I support the ASERL plan, as it shares the burden of collection maintenance and allows the discarded items to be more easily reviewed for interested libraries.
Denise English	Leesburg	FL	
Ashley Campbell	Melbourne	FL	I support the proposed ASERL plan. This innovative and forward-thinking plan represents the efforts of many, and offers refreshing concepts for the future of the FDLP. I urge GPO to work with ASERL to ensure the plan falls within the structure of Title 44.
Jean Sparks	Melbourne	FL	We fully support the intention of the ASERL plan to collect, preserve, and catalog two comprehensive distributed collections of federal documents within the southeast region in addition to the 12 existing regional collections. It is clear to us that having many volunteer libraries eagerly collecting and preserving the documents of most interest to them is an effective way of assuring permanent public access in the spirit of the depository library program. We recognize that it must be done within the framework of Title 44 and urgently request GPO to work with ASERL leaders to revise whatever details of the plan need to be adjusted to make it comply with the law and to allow it to become a model for other regions and regional depositories as they seek to fulfill their depository responsibilities.
Wendy Helmstetter	Melbourne	FL	I strongly support the ASERL plan as the only cost-effective initiative to support improved collection management processes, to provide enhanced public access to federal documents, and to eliminate duplication/triplication of work processes. With respect to compliance to Title 44 U.S.C. Chapter 19, this plan complies fully
Celine Lang	Melbourne	FL	I urge the GPO to move very quickly and in a collegial spirit to fix whatever details of these guidelines that may vary from GPO's interpretation of the law so that this program can go forward to save the FDLP program in the Southeast. These guidelines represent thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of good-faith hours of thought, discussion and collaborative work among librarians and interested parties to preserve the fundamental freedom of access of the citizens of this country to information. This contribution of time and effort also represents enormous opportunity costs for institutions that could well-use this time for other worthy efforts. A GPO eleventh-hour end-run to stall the process that has taken many years to craft in the full sunlight of GPO knowledge, a process that has already greatly benefited those of us who create and maintain government information collections and services, is unconscionable. I urge ASERL to make full use of freedom-of-information legislation to obtain full disclosure of all GPO survey results, Office of General Council reviews and other documents germane to this matter.
Lori Driver	Miami	FL	
Sally Wise	Miami	FL	
William Walker	Miami	FL	The University of Miami urges the GPO to reconsider the requirements in your recent letters. We strongly believe that a coordinated program is in everyone's best interest. W. Walker
Barry Baker	Orlando	FL	
Susan Mason	Sarasota	FL	

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Emily Gore	Tallahassee	FL	Having worked on a project to digitize a large corpus of government documents from the National Parks, I see this is a positive step in making more Gov Doc material available online.
Roy A Ziegler	Tallahassee	FL	The ASERL plan is a well-conceived model for providing the maximum amount of content, reduced duplication of material and more efficient use of space for depository libraries in the southeast.
Faye Jones	Tallahassee	FL	
Rebecca Bichel	Tallahassee	FL	
Marcia Gorin	Tallahassee	FL	This collaboration needs to be encouraged. It is in the best interests of the users of this vast collection and will save money, time, improve access and organize and preserve the print collections.
Julia Zimmerman	Tallahassee	FL	The ASERL proposal will provide far better access to government information than previously available, and ease the burden on depository libraries. It is time for a change, and this is an excellent new direction.
Faye Jones	Tallahassee	FL	
Elizabeth Lee Barron	Tampa	FL	Please support our efforts so that more libraries remain in the Depository system. Thank-you!
Jonathan Miller	Winter park	FL	The plan looks fine to me. Our users will still be able to access the govdocs they need. GPO should be <u>encouraging such innovation not stifling it.</u>
Paula Mochida	Honolulu	HI	Regional federal depository libraries across the nation are determining ways that they can maximize their resources to continue to provide access and service to government documents. ASERL has proposed Centers of Excellence and collaborative methods to streamline processing and sustain high levels of service. Their coordinated plan should be applauded and supported.
Nancy L. Baker	Iowa City	IA	
Carmen Orth-Alfie	Lawrence	KS	
Iorraine j haricombe	Lawrence	KS	
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Quetha Boles	Barbourville	KY	
Melissa Garrett	Barbourville	KY	
Tara L. Cooper	Barbourville	KY	
Bruce W. Miracle	Barbourville	KY	The ASERL plan is not only far less cumbersome than the system we presently use, but also allows more access <u>to our offers.</u>
Philip Yannarella	Highland Heights	KY	I would like the GPO to reconsider its latest negative decision in regard to ASERL's Plan which is important to the future of FDLP and how it is a cost-effective initiative that supports improved collection management processes, provides greater public access to federal documents, and streamlines work processes used by <u>depository libraries.</u>
Terry Birdwhistell	Lexington	KY	
Sandra McAninch	Lexington	KY	
Olga D. Wood	Lexington	KY	
Jennifer Cargill	Baton Rouge	LA	
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Rita Franks	Ruston	LA	
Michael A. DiCarlo	Ruston	LA	The ASERL Southeast Region plan seems to me a reasonable approach to the problems we all face with constraints on space and budget.

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Lance Query	Tulane University, New Orleans	LA	<p>There has been considerable emphasis upon the viability of the existing FDLP structure owing to the unsustainable costs for depository libraries. Fact: Over the last 25 years ARL libraries have lost about one-third of their staff, and these positions are not coming back. ARL represents the largest privates and flagship publics; imagine what has happened to staffing in smaller depository libraries. Here in Louisiana our governor has exhorted government agencies and higher education to "Do more with less." There may be a Brigadoon somewhere in the country where that exhortation does not apply, but I don't know where. As expected, much of the public conversation regarding the ASERL FDLP initiative has elicited feedback from the Regionals. I would like to offer a perspective as a dean of a Selective. If the primary motive of the ASERL plan were merely to save money, I could not support it as strongly as I do. If I believed the plan did not offer the promise of even better information access to our users, I could not support. The stakes are simply too high to risk any debilitation of my Regional. I regard the ASERL plan as an opportunity for enhanced information access built around the concept of Centers of Excellence at no cost to the Regionals, especially in light of the recent proposal to notify the Regional simultaneously with the offer to the COE when an item is to be relinquished. Truly, a win-win. My Selective at Tulane may be unique in that eight feet of Katrina's water destroyed most of our federal documents. That experience was instructive as well as inspiring: It showed the resolve and dedication of GPO and Robin Hann-Mohamed who was with us all the way as we struggled to recover. It also showed us the power of the virtual. Having served as a dean of research libraries both public and private institutions for over two decades, I believe that the ASERL plan represents our best hope for ensuring long-term access to our documents collections in what promises to be a protracted period of fiscal stress and competing priorities for our limited budgets. I hope we do not squander this rare opportunity. A decade ago I served as chair of ARL's Information Policies Committee and, as such, I attend gatherings of both library deans/directors and our documents librarians. At those meetings, too often when reference was made by one of the groups about the other, eyes would roll condescendingly because the other group just didn't get it. Happily, those days are behind us. Indeed, as the ASERL plan was being crafted deans/directors, documents librarians, and even GPO were consulted from the very beginning. Is the ASERL plan a perfect plan? Of course not. Will it need to be improved as we implement it? Certainly. What it does represent, in my opinion, is the most realistic and workable model for ensuring our users access to their Government's documents that I have seen in my career. I am optimistic that we can resolve the differences that currently exist between GPO and ASERL principals. We are all smart; we all share the same goals; and we all get it. Regretfully, this much I know: Going forward, the ASERL-GPO discussions may be the last civilized discourse to come out of Washington for a long time to come.</p>
Gail Fithian	Boston	MA	
Jim Gillispie	Baltimore	MD	
Patricia A. Steele	College Park	MD	
Tanner Wray	College Park	MD	
James C Miller	Takoma Park	MD	
Wendy Pradt Lougee	Minneapolis	MN	<p>The future vitality and responsiveness of the FDLP are dependent on programs aligned with user needs and behaviors as well as contemporary library systems and environments. ASERL has worked cooperatively to improve the program's efficacy and future impact and its accomplishments are significant for the entire program</p>
Kirsten Clark	Minneapolis	MN	
Sandy Schiefer	Columbia	MO	
Jim Cogswell	Columbia	MO	
Blanche Sanders	Alcorn State	MS	
Jeff Slagell	Cleveland	MS	
Kris Gilliland	Oxford	MS	

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Laura G. Harper	Oxford	MS	We need to work together to reach a compromise that allows the ASERL CoE initiative & regional disposition process to operate within Title 44. The database is absolutely wonderful in its functionality - in two months I've received dozens of docs that we really need (from needs list of >900 items) as well as our CoE areas; Mississippi selectives are on board with this & find the submission process much easier - they notify me when posting & I preview their lists online - if they don't hear to the contrary from me, they are free to discard after 45 days.
Julia Rholes	Oxford	MS	
Fritz Snyder	Missoula	MT	Mansfield Library University of Montana -- Missoula
Sarah Michalak	Chapel Hill	NC	The ASERL Plan is a collaborative venture, which has the most promise of any yet offered to keep the FDLP viable, relevant and true to its inherent mission of providing permanent public access to federal government documents. To GPO: Let's all continue to work together on this worthy goal.
Stanley Wilder	Charlotte	NC	
Mary Krautter	Greensboro	NC	GPO seems to be valuing control over encouraging innovation and autonomy.
David Durant	Greenville	NC	I am both a Federal Documents Librarian and a participant in the ASERL Collaborative Federal Documents Program. I assure you that I would not be involved in it if I did not believe that it would greatly strengthen the FDLP, not weaken it. The Center of Excellence collections and region-wide dispositions process are designed to supplement the current structure, not replace it. They will increase the availability of FDLP materials to the public while making it easier for southeastern libraries to meet their FDLP commitments and remain in the program.
Marian F. Parker	Winston-Salem	NC	
Joan Giesecke	Lincoln	NE	We support the ASERL plan as an important effort to streamline and enhance access to government publications.
Martha Bedard	Albuquerque	NM	As the Dean of a financially constrained University Library serving as the Regional Depository Library for New Mexico, a state with a relatively small total population, I strongly support a variety of approaches to working in multi-state environments. Without such collaborations the cumbersome system now in place is not sustainable
Daniel C. Barkley	Albuquerque	NM	This plan envisions how government information in the future will be acquired, collected, accessed, and stored for current and future generations.
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Charley Seavey	Santa Fe	NM	Dear GPO: It is no longer 1895, or even 1962. The ASERL petition recognizes that we are in a very different milieu for transfer of information than we were even 15 years ago. It is past time to recognize that the old model is.... old, and not working all that well in an electronic age. In an administration that is about change, it is time for GPO and SuDoc to change as well.
Tom Stave	Eugene	OR	
Jane Canfield	Ponce	PR	I strongly support this collaborative effort and would like to see more collaboration between Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and other Southeastern Libraries.
Kathy karn-Carmichael	Aiken	SC	
Janice G. Comfort	Clemson	SC	ASERL is thoughtfully proceeding in a meaningful direction to preserve and provide access to significant collections. The FDLP is a dinosaur on the brink of extinction, and ASERL's program is the only positive step I can see. GPO is purposefully misinterpreting the guidelines in a misdirected move to hang on to control.
Celina Nichols	Clemson	SC	

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Kay L. Wall	Clemson	SC	
Bill Sudduth	Columbia	SC	
Deborah Yerkes	Columbia	SC	
Thomas F. McNally	Columbia	SC	The University of South Carolina has been an active participant in the ASERL initiative. The ASERL initiative is a forward thinking plan that will serve the region and the nation for decades to come. The ASERL plan is an enhancement to the core mission of the FDLP, which is to ensure that the American public has access to its <u>Government's information</u> .
Bill Sudduth	Columbia	SC	
Lorene B. Harris	Lancaster	SC	
Regina Lee	Cookeville	TN	Going through the ASERL site for offering documents would greatly speed up the turn around time in our state.
Rosalie Elia	Memphis	TN	
Mary Freilich	Memphis	TN	
Sylverna Ford	Memphis	TN	I support the ASERL plan and encourage its implementation. Participation in FDLP is becoming increasingly difficult for libraries as we continue to lose personnel and run out of space. We need to try new models that will allow the program to still be viable. The ASERL model is a step in the right direction.
Beverly Geckle	Murfreesboro	TN	
Colleen Whitver	Nashville	TN	
Deanna Maurice	Nashville	TN	
Anne Whitver	Nashville	TN	The ASERL plan is not only compliant with Title 44 U.S.C. Chapter 19, but it offers hope for improved access to and reference assistance for all Federal Documents for all citizens in the Southeastern Region. Without this division of labor our depositories will continue to leave FDLP and documents will continue to sit on shelves in annexes, unused, because their libraries do not have the staff or resources to give them proper attention. The ASERL plan offers hope for the revitalization of the FDLP. Please look more closely at the current ASERL plan, ask questions, and learn how the plan has been crafted to legally and ideologically comply with Title 44.
Richard W. Clement	Logan	UT	
Kathleen Price	Alexandria	VA	
Barbie Selby	Charlottesville	VA	I strongly support the ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository initiative, as well as of the FDLP. The ASERL initiative is a flexible, creative, legal, forward-looking plan that allows depositories to develop strong collections while maintaining regional collections. It is intended to supplement the FDLP, not replace it. As a practical matter, I've had two known needs filled by selectives from another state offering them. The database has matched us, and my regional collection is now more complete. For me, the most compelling GPO "issue of concern" is the primacy of regional collection. That was actually addressed by a change in the database at the beginning of September. Regionals see all offers from their own states at the same time as the CoEs see them. A very slight change in implementation could address this concern. Since nothing about the ASERL CoE implementation requires or suggests that any depositories discard any materials it does not seem to me that the oversight of that portion of the plan falls within GPO's jurisdiction. Further, the existence of an MOU for all CoE's actually provides more stability for the portion of the depository collection should a library drop FDL status.

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Renee Davis	Fredericksburg	VA	Our selective depository supports the ASERL plan. We feel that GPO's concerns with the ASERL plan could be addressed in part by providing simultaneous review periods to COEs and Regionals for the first 15 days of an offer. If an interested COE is located in the same Region as the offering library, the COE would have first rights to the offer. If an interested COE is not located in the same Region as the offering library, then the Regional would have first rights to the offer. As for GPO's concern that having selectives post offers directly on the ASERL Disposition Database would take the Regional Librarian out of the disposition loop, we certainly don't believe that that would be the case in Virginia. We would consult with our Regional Librarian prior to posting items about which there is any question. We have no doubt that she will maintain awareness of all offers posted by libraries under her oversight. It seems to us that it would not be too difficult to add language to the ASERL plan that would codify these procedures.
Dr. Gail Nicula	Norfolk	VA	I absolutely support this initiative!
Susan L. Mercer	Norfolk	VA	
Gloria Beck	Petersburg	VA	
Mary S. Clark	Richmond	VA	I believe ASERL is working within the rules of Title 44, and creating innovative ways to increase access to government information.
Laura Horne-Popp	Richmond	VA	
Mary Ellen Spencer	Richmond	VA	I hope that the US GPO will support ASERL's program to strengthen depository collections throughout the Southeast.
Sandra G. Treadway	Richmond	VA	
Cynthia Richards	St. Thomas	VI	
Linda Crook	Pullman	WA	The ASERL Plan is important to the future of the Federal Depository Library Program as a cost-effective initiative that supports increased collaboration and minimization of duplicative effort. This initiative would contribute to improved collection management processes, greater public access to federal documents, and streamlined work processes used by depository libraries.