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LIBRARIES SIGN PRESERVATION STEWARD AGREEMENTS WITH GPO

Washington – North Dakota State University Libraries, The University of Virginia Library, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, and University of Kansas Libraries each signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) to become Preservation Stewards. Under this agreement, the libraries pledge to permanently preserve their print collections of the following:

North Dakota State University Libraries
Public Papers of the President

The University of Virginia Library
Publications from the Department of State

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro
NASA Technical Reports

University of Kansas Libraries
Congressional hearings

To help Federal depository libraries meet the needs of efficient Government document stewardship in the digital era, GPO has established Preservation Stewards to support continued public access to historic U.S. Government documents in print format. Preservation Stewards contribute significantly to the effort to preserve printed documents and GPO welcomes all Federal depository libraries that wish to participate as Preservation Stewards.

Through the FDLP, GPO works with approximately 1,150 libraries nationwide to provide public access to authentic, published information from all three branches of the Federal Government in print and electronic formats. The program's antecedents can be traced back to the act of Congress dated December 27, 1813 (3 Stat. 140), which provided that one copy of the journals and documents of the Senate and House be sent to each university and college and each historical society in each state. GPO has operated the FDLP since 1895. FIPNet is an initiative of the FDLP to expand public access to Government information in depository library collections through collaboration with non-depository library institutions and resources that also possess collections of Federal documents and publications. This effort will result in a National Collection of U.S. Government

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Information for the use of future generations, and will transform GPO's *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* into an index of that comprehensive body of Federal information.

"GPO welcomes these four libraries as preservation stewards and their commitment of maintaining Government information in multiple platforms," said Superintendent of Documents Laurie Hall. "I encourage more libraries to become part of this venture of preserving valuable print collections of Government information."

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