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GPO IMPLEMENTS NEW TELEWORK AND REMOTE WORK POLICY

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) is implementing 100 percent telework and remote work options for eligible teammates. The new policy comes after the success of maximum teleworking during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Since the beginning of the pandemic, about one-third of the GPO workforce has been teleworking at 100 percent capacity. Teammates who are eligible for telework will work with their supervisors on choosing the best option that ensures continued productivity for GPO. With supervisor approval, the policy also allows teammates to work remotely from a geographic area outside of the Washington, DC metro area.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, GPO productivity levels increased, proving that both telework and remote work are successful for GPO,” said GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern. “This new policy is the most ground-breaking change to GPO operations since we started putting Government information online in the 1990s. It is a win for both GPO and our teammates, and I am thrilled that we can modernize the way we work.”

GPO production staff remain working 100 percent of the time at agency facilities. These teammates continue to produce the Congressional Record, Federal Register, the U.S. passport, and other information products for Congress, the White House and Federal agencies.

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