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The Federal Depository Library Program will provide Government information when and where it is needed in order to create an informed citizenry and an improved quality of life.

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The mission of the Federal Depository Library Program is to provide for no-fee ready and permanent public access to Federal Government information, now and for future generations.

























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PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS				
Congress should establish a collaborative interagency process to develop and implement a government-wide strategy for managing the lifecycle of digital government information.	 An agency or interagency organization should be designated to lead the effort. The process should clearly define agency responsibilities, avoid duplication and waste, and ensure the provision of authentic government information to current and future generations. 			
GPO should offer expanded services that contribute to the lifecycle management of government information.	 Expanded services are needed in content management, metadata creation, authentication, preservation, cataloging, and providing permanent public access. 			
GPO should work with depository libraries and other library groups to develop a comprehensive plan to preserve the tangible collection of government documents.	 The plan should address how to catalog, digitize, and preserve the legacy collection of government publications. GPO should work with Congress to gain financial support for this effort. 			

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PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)	
GPO and Congress should explore alternate funding mechanisms for the Federal Digital System that ensure a stable and sufficient funding source.	 This is necessary to ensure long-term preservation and access of digital government publications.
GPO should continue to collaborate with depository libraries and the library community to develop a national strategic plan for the Federal Depository Library Program.	 The plan should provide depository libraries with the flexibility and tools they need to provide permanent public access to digital government information. Once a future vision for the program has been developed, it would be appropriate to analyze the costs and benefits of continuing the geographic structure of the



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