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GPO INFORMATION RESOURCE EXPERT HONORED WITH TOP LIBRARY AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC--Judy Russell, Managing Director of Information Dissemination at the U.S. Government Printing Office, has been honored by the Special Libraries Association (SLA) for her outstanding contribution to the global community of information professionals. She is one of two honorees to receive the 2005 SLA Professional Award for exceptional and exemplary service as an information resource expert.

Russell, who also serves as the 22nd Superintendent of Documents and is the first woman to hold the historic position, is delighted to be included in the list of outstanding individuals recognized. "I am extremely honored to be among those receiving this important award. I am especially touched because I know how tirelessly my fellow award recipients work in the library communities to continuously strive for excellence and set standards for our entire country," Russell said.

At the GPO, Russell leads the agency in providing public access to Government information published by the U.S. Congress, Federal agencies, and the Federal courts. She manages the Federal Depository Library Program, the Document Sales Program and the GPO Access Web site, which provides electronic access to many of the most important information products produced by the Federal Government.

The SLA selected a total of 23 individuals to be recognized in 12 award categories. Award winners and honorees were celebrated at a special reception on June 5th in Toronto.

About the GPO:

GPO, led by Public Printer of the United States Bruce James, is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. More than 286,000 Federal Government document titles are available to the public via www.gpoaccess.gov. Printed copies of many of those documents may also be ordered through the GPO's Web site. The GPO, through partnership with more than 1,250 libraries participating in the Federal Depository Library Program, provides personal assistance in locating and using Government information. For more information about the GPO please visit www.gpo.gov.

About SLA:

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) was founded in 1909. It is a non-profit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. With more than 12,000 members in 83 countries, the mission of SLA is to promote and strengthen its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives. For more information, please visit: www.sla.org.

Note to Editors: High-Resolution photos of award ceremony available.

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