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GPO JOINS ALLIANCE FOR DIGITAL PRESERVATION

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has joined a worldwide digital preservation alliance to further collaborate with federal depository libraries and other organizations on preservation initiatives. LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) provides libraries with digital preservation tools and support so they can collect and preserve their own copies of authorized electronic content. Since its founding in 1861, GPO has been promoting the preservation of government information through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). In 2009, the agency launched GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys), a content management system, preservation repository, and advanced search engine that provides the public with permanent public access to federal government information. (www.fdsys.gov) GPO's participation in LOCKSS will support development efforts by libraries that utilize LOCKSS.

"GPO's long partnership with the library community will only be enhanced by joining LOCKSS," said Acting Superintendent of Documents Ric Davis. "By joining LOCKSS it will give GPO the opportunity to share the preservation initiatives the agency has taken with FDsys and explore additional opportunities with the FDLP."

"Stanford incubated and hosts LOCKSS to assure that the research community and the public will retain access to digital information over the long term, and protecting federal documents through LOCKSS strengthens both scholarship and an informed electorate indefinitely," said Michael Keller, Stanford University Librarian, Director of HighWire Press, and Director of the Stanford University Press.

Link to more information about LOCKSS
http://lockss.stanford.edu/lockss/Home

The GPO is the federal government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the federal government. In addition to publication sales, GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through GPO's Federal Digital System (www.fdsys.gov) and through partnerships with approximately 1,220 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit www.gpo.gov. Follow GPO on Twitter http://twitter.com/USGPO and on YouTube http://www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter.

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