

Strategic Changes through Cooperative Efforts



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Overview

- GPO requests your participation to identify and document the most pressing issues in your state and/or region through a State Forecast and State Focused Action Plan.
- GPO needs to learn what we do not currently know about the environment within each state.
- Information from each state and all different types of depository libraries will be synthesized together and incorporated into a national strategy.
- The needs of each library type will be equally weighted.
- The national strategy will serve as a basis for discussion and clarification of 44 U.S.C. §§ 1901 -1916 and of the Program Regulations.

State Forecast and State Focused Action Plans

- *Reasons to participate:*
 - You help GPO to identify the most pressing and important current and anticipated FDLP library issues in your state and region.
 - You show the value of your depository within your larger organization.
- *Getting started / Things to know:*
 - Use existing statewide or regional depository library groups or create a planning group that includes all depository libraries.
 - You will need to notify GPO of the group you are using within your state or region to ensure that all states are represented.
 - Both the Forecast and Action Plan should be no more than 5 pages each (front and back).
 - A single State Forecast is required for each state.
 - Provide an Action Plan for your state or for your depository region (the geographic area currently served by a regional depository).
 - GPO will provide an online community forum for your questions and discussion as you create the Forecast and Plan for your state or region.
- *Important Dates:*
 - Complete templates for the Forecast and Action Plans will be posted in early November.
 - Reports are due to GPO by June 30, 2012.

Stay tuned for more information to be posted soon on the FDLP Desktop and shared through FDLP-L.

State Forecast



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- State Forecasts will be used to identify the current and future depository library environment.
- The forecast will be used to gather information about the following general areas:
 - Depository institutions and library types
 - Economics
 - Demographics of service area
 - Technology
 - Current library environment (e.g., consortia, non-depository libraries, etc.)
 - Other information to be determined
- Steps to create a State Forecast
 - Step 1: Complete a template for your individual library
 - Step 2: Meet to discuss and compile individual libraries' templates into one final State Forecast.
- State Forecast information will be used to develop a State Focused Action Plan.

Example of Forecast elements:

Economics

- Parent library budget – ↓ Decreasing 10%
- Possible anticipated impact
 - Separate reference desks are combined into one unified service desk

Demographics

- Changes in communities served
 - Population – ↓ Decreasing 10%
 - (Many other changes.)
- Possible anticipated impact
 - The depository collection no longer meets the Federal Government information needs of the community served.

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State Focused Action Plan



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- The State Focused Action Plan builds on the information identified in your State Forecast.
- The action plan is composed of the following:
 - Initiatives
 - Activities
- The initiatives should represent goals for all types of libraries in your state or region that are FDLP members.
- The plans should represent actions that will be taken to achieve the goals stated in initiatives.
 - Implementation time should ideally be within 1 - 5 years.
- The completed action plan should present initiatives for all Federal depositories in the state.
- The action plan may contain specific initiatives for library types as needed.

Example:

Based on this element in the State Forecast:
Demographics

- Changes in communities served
 - Population – ↓ Decreasing 10%
- Anticipated Impact
 - The depository collection no longer meets the Federal Government information needs of the community served.

Initiatives - All Libraries:

Initiative 1: All Federal depository libraries will have appropriate collections and expertise as no single depository may meet the needs of all researchers.

Activities:

- 1.1. Libraries will determine the needs of their immediate service area and areas of staff expertise.
- 1.2. Libraries will share materials with each other when possible.
- 1.3. Librarians will develop reference services based on expertise.
- 1.4. Libraries will develop best practices for question referral. nn

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