

Report of referrals to GPO Access from Depository Websites

Many Federal depository libraries have websites that contain links to the resources available on GPO Access. Each time a user clicks on one of these links the handoff from the depository web site to GPO Access is recorded in our web server log files as a referral. A number of depositories have expressed interest in knowing how many referrals to GPO Access come from their sites. For this reason, a report of these referrals has been generated for fiscal year 2001 (October 2000 through September 2001) using the web addresses depositories have registered with the Library Programs Service. The report is arranged in alphabetical order by depository institution name and lists the number of referrals received each month, the average number per month, and the cumulative total for the fiscal year. It is available for download as an Excel spreadsheet or a PDF file on the Federal Bulletin Board at:

<http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/referral.htm>

Future reports will be posted on a monthly basis as soon as the data becomes available and can be processed.

It should be noted that some depository sites share the same domain (For example: The Hawaii State Library at <http://www.state.hi.us/libraries/feddocs> and The Department of Customer Services Library at <http://www.state.hi.us/lrb/card> . Both come from the domain www.state.hi.us). Since the reports record referrals by domain, rather than by the full URL, it is impossible to distinguish how many referrals come from the individual sites within these shared domains. The data for those domains are provided as an aggregate and are footnoted as such. It should also be noted that we are not recording any information in these reports about individual users or to which part of GPO Access a user was referred.

While a rank based on the cumulative number of referrals is provided in the report, all referrals are equally appreciated. Each represents a successful linking of a user of the site maintained by the depository to one of the products and services in the FDLP electronic collection that are available on GPO Access. Hopefully we will see the numbers from this collaborative effort grow as use of these sites and the number of links to GPO Access on them grow.

Questions or comments related to the referrals reports should be directed to:

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