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## **GPO CHOSEN AS A TOP TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR BY *PC WEEK***

*Agency characterized as among the "best and the brightest" sites*

*PC WEEK* has cited the Government Printing Office (GPO) as one of the leading public sector technology innovators in the Nation.

The magazine's March 15, 1999, edition contains a "Fast-Track" special report identifying and ranking "the real world organizations using advanced information technologies in the most innovative ways." The *PC WEEK* Fast-Track report "lists, in order of rank, the government and education institutions that are the most innovative in their use of cutting-edge technologies and applications . . ." Of the 100 state and Federal government and education sites listed, GPO is ranked *ninth*. Of all Federal Government sites alone, GPO is ranked *second*.

In developing its report, *PC WEEK* utilized a "database of detailed information about specific technologies deployed at some 260,000 government and nongovernment locations in North America." "To find the best and the brightest sites in that database," says *PC WEEK*, "we created a scoring model that rewarded each site and each institution for having deployed specific, innovative technologies . . . [such as] electronic commerce, intranet, data warehouse and high-speed networking technologies such as asynchronous transfer mode and Gigabit Ethernet." *PC WEEK* states, "this special report doesn't just celebrate the biggest users of IT; it also cites the most innovative by looking at the extent to which advanced IT has penetrated each site in each agency."

On learning of the report, Public Printer Michael F. DiMario remarked, "Now that GPO has had more than three decades of experience in utilizing electronic information technologies to produce and disseminate Government information for Congress, Federal agencies, and the public, it is extremely gratifying to be recognized in this manner."

Beginning in the 1960's, GPO was one of the first printing organizations nationwide to pioneer the use of electronic typesetting systems in place of traditional practices. Since

then, successive generations of technology have been deployed to develop electronic databases of Government information products from which publications in both print and electronic formats are produced. Congress capitalized on GPO's electronic systems in 1993 when it established **GPO Access**, GPO's acclaimed Internet information service (at [www.access.gpo.gov](http://www.access.gpo.gov)). Today, GPO uses information technology to increase efficiency in its print production processes, facilitate electronic commerce in its nationwide printing procurement and documents sales programs, improve administrative and communications capabilities, and expand public access to Government information via the Internet and other electronic means.

**GPO Access** is one of the few Government web sites established by law and one of the longest running, beginning operation in June 1994. It is virtually the only Government web site that provides easy, one-stop access to information from all three branches of the Federal Government. Approximately 70 applications make information available from more than 1,000 databases, representing more than 92,000 individual titles. **GPO Access** also provides links to an additional 45,000 titles on other Federal websites. Overall, more than 277.5 million documents have been retrieved by the public from **GPO Access** since 1994. Monthly document retrievals today average approximately 19 million, or approximately **836 gigabytes** of information.

In 1998, **GPO Access** was named one of the 15 "Best Feds on the Web" by Vice President Al Gore and **Government Executive. Federal Computer Week** said, "the GPO site stands out as an unassuming, information-rich offering." Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., called **GPO Access** "one of the Federal Government's largest and most active web sites" and said that the site "has been highly successful in making Government information easily available to the public." In 1997, **GPO Access** and the **Commerce Department** jointly earned a Hammer Award from Vice President Gore's National Performance Review for creating the new electronic **Commerce Business Daily**, known as **CBDNet**. Other awards have included a 1994 Technology Leadership Award and the prestigious 1995 James Madison Award from the Coalition on Government Information.

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