
News Release



UNITED
STATES
GOVERNMENT
PRINTING
OFFICE

Office Of Congressional, Legislative And Public Affairs

202-512-1991

<http://www.access.gpo.gov>

For Release: IMMEDIATE
June 7, 1999

Contact: Andrew M. Sherman
202-512-1991
asherman@gpo.gov
No. 99-17

GPO AND ENERGY DEPARTMENT WIN HAMMER AWARD FOR INFORMATION BRIDGE PROJECT

The Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Department of Energy (DOE) have jointly earned a Hammer Award from Vice President Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government for the "Information Bridge," a project that makes available thousands of unclassified DOE scientific and technical reports in electronic image format via **GPO Access**, GPO's acclaimed Internet information service (www.access.gpo.gov).

Public access via the "Information Bridge" resulted from an innovative partnership agreement between the DOE's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) and GPO's Library Programs Service (LPS), whose primary purpose is to disseminate Government information products free to the public through more than 1,350 Federal depository libraries nationwide.

Using World Wide Web technology, users enter the DOE electronic dissemination system through **GPO Access**. The "Information Bridge" gateway provides a specially designed public view to more than 30,000 DOE reports currently available electronically. Using this system, the public can access DOE-funded research and development output since

January 1996. Reports are added on a daily basis as the research information is released.

This program eliminates the need for the reports to be disseminated in a printed format to depository libraries, saving production and distribution costs to the Government and the costs to the libraries to receive, process, shelve, and store the reports. As needed, reports in digital format are downloaded by depository libraries or individual users.

The jointly-earned Hammer Award is the second such honor involving **GPO Access**. In 1997, GPO and the Commerce Department jointly won a Hammer Award for **CBDNet**, the information service which makes the Commerce Business Daily freely accessible in real time over the Internet (<http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov>).

United States Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20401

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for private use, \$300
Stop LP

Postage and Fees Paid
GPO
Permit No. G-26

FIRST-CLASS MAIL