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GPO RANKED FIRST AMONG TOP 50 IN-PLANTS IN THE NATION, FOR 2ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

“The Digitizing of GPO” Captures IPG’s Top Ranking

For the second year in a row, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has been named the top in-plant printing operation in the Nation, in a survey conducted by *In-Plant Graphics*, a widely respected journal of the in-plant printing industry. The ranking was released in the December 1999 issue of *In-Plant Graphics*.

As it did last year, *In-Plant Graphics* considered factors like budget, employees, and number of printed jobs. Annual impressions, sales per employee, customer service, responsiveness, and efficiency were also considered. According to the editor’s note in the December 1999 issue, the purpose of the ranking was to “show the world that the in-plant industry is strong, and is made up of efficient operations capable of handling complicated, critical work.”

Responding to the selection, Public Printer Michael F. DiMario said, “Once again, we’re extremely pleased to be recognized in this manner, and this recognition is a direct reflection on the work performed here every day by the dedicated men and women of the U.S. Government Printing Office.”

In-Plant Graphics noted the work GPO performed in making the U.S. District Court’s “Findings of Fact” in the Microsoft case available in November 1999, in both print and electronic formats, observing that at GPO “such monumental projects have become second nature.”

The magazine points out, “Now in its 139th year of existence, GPO drastically changed itself over the past few years from a strictly ink-on-paper provider to a high-tech digital data delivery organization.” *In-Plant Graphics* reports that “the public now downloads some 20 million documents a month from **GPO Access**, GPO’s Web site (www.access.gpo.gov).” The article also reports on GPO’s efforts to upgrade its online delivery capabilities to handle the ever-increasing demand for its information services.

At the same time, *In-Plant Graphics* notes that “print is still strong” at GPO, with the recent installation of state-of-the-art computer-to-plate systems and a new automated passport bindery line. With the ongoing transition to electronics, however, *In-Plant Graphics* notes that GPO has downsized dramatically in the past 5 years from 1,701 printing production personnel to 1,173, a drop of more than 30 percent.

The December 1999 recognition from *In-Plant Graphics* follows the selection last year of **GPO Access** as one of the top 50 legal research web sites for the year by *Law Office Computing* magazine, as the best research site for laws and best Government site overall by the newsletter *legal.online*, and as the first recipient of the American Association of Law Libraries Public Access to Government Information Award.

Also in 1999, GPO was named by *PC Week* magazine as one of the top technology innovators in the Nation, and GPO and the Department of Energy jointly won a Hammer Award from Vice President Gore’s National Performance Review for an innovative partnership that makes thousands of DOE scientific and technical reports available to the public free of charge over **GPO Access**.

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