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Ms. Janice Lachance
Chief Executive Officer
Special Libraries Association
331 S. Patrick St.
Alexandria, VA 22314-3501

Dear Ms. Lachance:

The U.S. Government Printing Office is seeking recommendations from the Special Libraries Association for individuals to serve as new members to the Depository Library Council (DLC). The DLC is an advisory body that counsels the Public Printer in matters pertaining to future trends, innovation, and new concepts in libraries and information dissemination, particularly as they relate to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Individuals needed for such service are typically leaders and innovators in key areas related to the future of the FDLP. Currently this includes essential elements of the development, management and dissemination of electronic information, such as version control, authentication, and preservation of digital information. It is important to understand that individuals will be selected for their expertise and experience, not as representatives of specific organizations. Therefore, good candidates need not be members of your organization, but individuals with deep interest in and knowledge of issues important to the future of the FDLP.

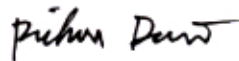
The fifteen members on the Depository Library Council serve 3-year terms. Each year, five new Council members are selected to replace those whose terms have expired. Selections are made from recommendations forwarded by a variety of sources. Council members appointed to 3-year terms in 2006 will formally begin their service on October 1, 2007 and serve until September 30, 2010.

Council members must be willing and able to devote time and effort to take an active role in discussions of complex and difficult issues related to the future of the FDLP. This commitment involves attendance at meetings, participation in monthly conference calls, and at times performing work between public meetings. The Council traditionally meets in two public meetings each year: one in October in the Washington, DC area and the other, held in April, at different locations around the country. The Council usually convenes on a Sunday and adjourns on a Wednesday, so each meeting lasts approximately four days. While GPO covers the travel and per diem expenses for Council members, it is important that each member have the support of their institution regarding the time necessary to participate effectively.

To submit the names of one or more qualified individuals for consideration, please respond by February 17, 2007. You should contact the individual that you recommend for Council to ensure they are able and willing to serve. Please provide a brief biographical sketch of each individual recommended to help us assess their qualifications. GPO will make selections prior to the April 2007 Council meeting and will encourage the new Council members to attend that meeting.

Thank you very much for taking the time to recommend outstanding professional leaders for the Council. For more information about the program, see the enclosed brochure. If you have further questions concerning the Council or the FDLP, please contact me at 202-512-1622, or the Director of Collection Management and Preservation, Ms. Robin Haun-Mohamed, at (202) 512-0052.

Sincerely,



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Director, Library Services and Content Management

Enclosure [Federal Depository Library Brochure]

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