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## Government Information Technology Committee (GITCO)

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Sunday, January 20, 2002, 2.00pm-5.30pm.  
Morial Convention Center, Room 273, New Orleans, LA  
Eric Forte, Chair

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Correction: Rich Gause will give SLDTF report  
Addition: Charlene Cain will speak on E-Competencies.

### 3. Pat Wood, FirstGov: FirstGov Update

FirstGov's role has expanded from information portal to portal to e-government services. It is encouraging cross-agency portals. The first service developed to fulfil its expanded role is a cross-agency e-mail newsletter subscription page. The site is undergoing a total redesign (to be complete by Feb. 19) emphasizing customer channels. Comments from librarian groups influenced earlier design changes and their comments are solicited for the present redesign. Comments should be sent to Pat Wood.

### 4. Charlene Cain: E-Competencies

Charlene gave an overview of the development of interest in e-competencies, the program at DLC in Spring and the selection of GODORT to develop a list with an emphasis on practical application and future developments in FDLP electronic products.

### 5. John Kavaliunas, Census Bureau: Census 2000 Electronic Products Update

Census 2000 data and maps are available in various ways and formats. Census Briefs (short topical overviews) are also available. The Bureau has re-introduced four-day training sessions in Maryland and is interested in conducting one-day workshops around the country. Anyone interested in hosting a workshop should contact John Kavaliunas. The Census 2000 web site is being redesigned. Beta testers for a new custom tabulation feature of Factfinder are required. The Bureau is scanning historical census reports from 1870 and these will be available to the public soon. The University of Minnesota is scanning all available census tract maps.

### 6. Reports from Task Force Representatives on matters of interest to GITCO and other updates

a. FDTF/Aimee Quinn: GITCO expressed earlier interest in sponsoring a pre-conference on web development in Orlando, 2004. It is still interested in a program. The FDTF workgroup on reciprocal links is being dissolved. Discussion on the agency liaison program was

tabled.

b. IDTF/Eric Forte: Preliminary results from the Church survey of IGO websites is available from Eric.

c. SLDTF/Rich Gause: Atlanta pre-conference details are being finalized. Updating and expanding the Condit study of state legislative websites was discussed. Work on the SLDTF toolbox continues and information on "take-down" issues at the state level is requested.

d. Ad Hoc Committee on Digitization of Government Information/Luke Griffin: A GITCO response to the recommendations on new roles for GITCO and an increase in GITCO membership in the committee's draft report is solicited. Interest in a pre-conference on digitization in Toronto, 2003 and GITCO sponsorship has to be presented to the Program Committee by January 21, 2002. Eric Forte and Luke Griffin will attend the Program Committee meeting and present GITCO's interest in a program in 2003.

e. GITCO web site update and GODORT Web Group update/Eric Forte: Christof Galli is re-designing the GODORT web site.

## **7. Old Business**

a. TechWatch column in DTTP/Megan Dreger: Ideas for future columns should be sent to Megan. Permission to make TechWatch available on the GITCO website will be requested.

b. Web Page Template and future management/Eric Forte for Cathy Hartman: A new manager for the template is solicited. Luke Griffin and Beth Clausen have volunteered. The template will eventually move to the GITCO website.

c. CD-ROM Documentation Project/Host Site update/ Marianne Mason (for Carolyn Kohler) and Managing Editor Aaron Dobbs: Page downloads and search requests have tripled from July 2000-June 2001. Fields are being deleted and added to the database as required. Agency names have to be verified. There are currently three editors and various individuals have submitted information on single items. Basic records are available for all products but there is a backlog for adding supplementary information. Help is requested to encourage use and additional contributors. Monitoring and reporting problems encountered to Aaron is particularly important. Beth Clausen continues to be GITCO's chief liaison to this ongoing project.

d. FirstGov/John Hernandez: John will monitor developments on the currently-suspended taxonomy project.

e. GITCO Toolbox/Eric Forte: This will be updated as necessary.

f. Census Toolbox: A survey of what information and guides are currently available and gaps where resources are required will be conducted by Megan Dreger, Wendi Mann-Eliot, Charles Malone, Aimee Quinn and Hui Hua Chua.

## **8. New Business**

a. E-Competencies

Competencies should not be limited to librarians but include all staff. A prefatory section emphasizing knowledge of local institutional policies, procedures, resources and IT environment and knowledge of relevant FDL guidelines and policies was discussed and will be added to the draft. Eric Forte, John Hernandez, Suzanne Holcombe, Victoria Packard, Rich Gause, and Megan Fitch will work on additions and amendments and send a revised draft to GITCO and then GOVDOC-L by April. A representative to present the list at DLC will be finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 5.20pm. Recorder: Hui Hua Chua.

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