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The HathiTrust Government Documents Initiative Planning and Advisory Working Group

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- Develop an overall strategy for building a comprehensive public domain corpus of U.S. federal documents in HathiTrust**
- Recommend investments as needed to pursue the initiative**
- Advise the Board on relevant policy issues**
- Provide oversight and guidance as the project develops**



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568,219 documents as of September 2014

- 441,096 from the CIC, working in conjunction with Google
- CIC libraries and the University of California will continue to supply
- HT Registry Initiative
- Catalog analysis

Near-Term Activities

- 1. HathiTrust to continue to build the Registry**
- 2. Provide regular updates on the existing corpus**
- 3. Member libraries (esp. CIC and UC) to continue to supply digital content**
- 4. Enlist the support of docs librarians to analyze, organize and promote the corpus**
- 5. Pursue partnerships with gov't. agencies for records and content**
- 6. Identify existing complementary projects and pursue partnerships**

- 7. Hire a project manager**
- 8. Operationalize the recommendations of the report**
- 9. Address uncataloged content**
- 10. Seek out already digitized content**
- 11. Carry out quality assurance and deduplication**
- 12. Enhance search and discovery options**

- 13. Include content beyond that distributed by GPO**
- 14. Enhance HT functionality to include rich-format content**
- 15. Revisit access policies for non-member downloading**
- 16. Develop a communication plan to promote the corpus**

PSC to review, revise and rebut

Board to determine the extent of investment that is warranted

Working Group members to:

- **Conduct an environmental scan of documents curation activity in libraries, agencies and beyond**
- **Form sub-groups to flesh out specific recommendations—e.g., cataloging, enhancing functionality, outreach to potential content partners, outreach to users, etc.**



**Questions
and
Answers
More Questions**

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