



## **Appendix H: BRC Response to the Government Documents PIT Report**

### **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND LIBRARIES TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**To:** Lori Goetsch, Director of Public Services and Carlen Ruschoff, Director of Technical Services

**From:** The Blue Ribbon Committee

Thank you for forwarding the final report of the Government Documents Process Improvement Team, (PIT) to the Blue Ribbon Committee, (BRC) for comment. We have reviewed the three recommendations put forward in the PIT report and determined that only the second of the three is relevant to the work of the BRC: Establish the cross-divisional Federal Information Services Team. The Committee discussed this recommendation along with the extensive background information provided in the PIT report.

The Committee concluded that the BRC and PIT recommendations are different, but not incompatible. While the PIT endorses a large, cross-divisional team that oversees the decisions and the work of all aspects of government documents activities, the BRC recommends a smaller cross-divisional team to plan, coordinate and prioritize bibliographic control tasks. The BRC's team could be a subdivision of the PIT's recommended team.

The BRC observed that the scope of responsibilities for the team recommended by the PIT is broad, encompassing collection development, bibliographic control, reference, bibliographic instruction, and outreach. To address each of these areas, the membership of the team itself must be large (17 members and 6 resource people). Given the scope of the work and the size of the team, BRC surmised that the team would likely need to break into smaller groups to address each of the areas in its charge. Therefore, the BRC's recommendation of a smaller team to address bibliographic control issues could easily fit into the scenario described by the PIT.

Because processing of government documents takes place in multiple production groups within TSD, the BRC recommends that the bibliographic control coordinating team include: 1 member from the GovDocs Production Team, 1 member from Adaptive Cataloging, 1 member from Original Cataloging, 1 member from Preservation, 2 members from the Government Documents Department, and 1 at large member. Because the decisions of this team equally affect the work of Government Documents Dept. and Technical Services Division, the BRC suggests that the team have co-leaders, one from TSD and one from Government Documents.

The BRC wishes to thank the Government Documents PIT for the extensive work that has gone into this study.