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1. Please provide a summary of your agency's activities undertaken to carry out the provisions of OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities" and the National Technology Transfer and Advance Act (NTTAA). The summary should contain a link to the agency's standards-specific website(s) where information about your agency's standards and conformity assessment related activities are available.

At the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), Voluntary Consensus Standards (VCSs) are vital in ensuring consistency and maintaining the highest quality throughout our operations. These standards are integrated into our manufacturing processes, enabling us to produce documents of superior quality. In procurement and acquisition, Voluntary Consensus Standards help define our requirements, ensuring a fair and competitive environment for vendors when bidding on agency needs. By referencing these standards, we clearly communicate our minimum expectations to potential bidders and offerors.

In addition to procurement, Voluntary Consensus Standards are essential for ensuring the accuracy and consistency of the services we provide to our customers. They also guide the formulation of our compliance policies and procedures, particularly in areas like air quality, waste management, wastewater discharge, pollution prevention, and health and safety. GPO relies on relevant Voluntary Consensus Standards and applicable Federal and District regulations to adhere to legal and environmental standards.

Furthermore, Voluntary Consensus Standards are fundamental in cataloging practices. Using standards-based rules and procedures, such as NISO Z39.50, ensures consistent record creation, search, retrieval, and transfer across international library catalogs, supporting seamless access and organization of records globally. GPO upholds its commitment to quality, fairness, and efficiency in all its operations through these comprehensive applications of Voluntary Consensus Standards.

As reported below, please find the U.S. Government Publishing Office agency standards-specific website links:

- **PPP Printing Procurement Regulation**

  Printing Procurement Regulations_7-22 (gpo.gov)

- **PPP GPO Contract Terms – Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/qatap-rev-09-19.pdf

- **PPP GPO Contract Terms - Solicitation Provisions, Supplemental Specifications, and Contract Clauses**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/contractterms2018.pdf

- **PPP GPO Contract Terms - Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program for Microforms**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/310-3-contract-terms-microforms262f0930b44a64308413ff00001d133d.pdf

- **PPP Government Printing and Binding Regulations, published by the JCP**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-standards-pdf-files/jcpregs.pdf

- **PPP JCP-O-90 Printable Plastic Film (Synthetic Paper)**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/jcp-code-o-90-paper.pdf

- **PPP JCP O-91 Uncoated (Tear Resistant) Synthetic Paper**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-standards-pdf-files/o-91_update.pdf

- **PPP Government Paper Specification Standards, 09/2019, No. 13**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/vol_13.pdf

- **PPP Government Paper Specification Standards, 03/2011, No. 12**

  http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/customers/sfas/vol12/vol_12.pdf

- **PPP Guidelines for Agency Representatives Attending Press Sheet Inspections.**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-standards-pdf-files/guidelines_attending_presssheetinspections.pdf?sfvrsn=2

- **PPP Guidelines for Contractors Holding Press Sheet Inspections--Hardcopy Available from the GPO, Print Procurement, APS, QCPP**

  https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/contractors_holding_psi.pdf?sfvrsn=2

- **PPP GPO Resolution Target**

  http://www.gpo.gov/gporestarget.pdf

- **LSCM/PST GPO Cataloging Guidelines**

  https://www.fdlp.gov/cataloging-and-classification/cataloging-guidelines

- **PST Metadata Object Description Standard (MODS)**

  http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/

- **PST Metadata Encoding & Transmission Standard (METS)**

  http://www.loc.gov/standards/mets

- **PST Data Dictionary for Preservation of Metadata: PREMIS**

  https://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/

- **FIN GPO Accounting Policy Manual**

  https://home.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/executive-offices/chief-financial-officer/accounting-policy-manual-q4-fy2024.pdf

The U.S. Government Publishing Office utilizes consensus standards from the following entities:

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- International Organization for Standards (ISO)
- General Alliance for Applications in Commercial Offset Lithography (GRACoL)
- National Information Standards Organization (NISO)
- Library Binding Institute (LIB)
- Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA)
- Idealliance
- Federal Agencies Guidelines Initiative (FADGI)
- National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST)
- W3C Standards
- Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Sustainable Green Printing Partnership (SGP)
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Technical Association for the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI)
- ASTM International (ASTM)

2.   Please record any government-unique standards (GUS) your agency began using in lieu of voluntary consensus standards (VCS) during FY 2024. Please note, GUS which are still in effect from previous years should continue to be listed, and you do not need to report your agency's use of a GUS where no similar VCS exists.

Current total GUS =   0

The U.S. Government Publishing Office did not implement any new Government Unique Standards in lieu of Voluntary Consensus Standards in FY2024.