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CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF STATE PUBLISHING CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Sacramento - The California Department of General Services' Office of State Publishing-the nation's largest government printing operation outside of Washington, D.C.-invites the general public to join in its celebration of 150 years of printing. This event, scheduled for January 10-13, offers informative tours and historic exhibits featuring the first textbook ever printed by the Office of State Publishing, as well as antique printing presses, books, printing tools, photographs and more.

"The art and business of printing and publishing has changed dramatically these last 150 years," said State Printer Celeste Maia Cron. "This celebration recognizes that proud heritage and the California's continuing commitment to innovative, top quality publishing solutions for our customers."

The Office of the State Printer was created on January 8, 1850, eight months before California's admission to the Union. The name was changed to the Office of State Publishing (OSP) in 1998.

OSP employs 500 people at its 300,000-square-foot facility (located at 344 N. 7th Street in Sacramento). The plant operates 24 hours a day, five days a week. The Franchise Tax Board's income tax forms, which 14 million Californians are now finding in their mail boxes, were recently produced by OSP.

In addition, OSP prints the governor's budget, all legislative bills, more than 12 million ballot pamphlets, approximately five million DMV handbooks, and thousands of other projects for state agencies. A new state-of-the-art Heidelberg M- 1000B printing press, capable of printing magazine-quality products, takes center stage in the production facility, running up to 3.2 million pages per hour.

OSP is also a leader in innovative publishing technologies and services, including on-line and CD-ROM publishing, video streaming, print-on-demand, advertising, and document conversion.

Tours for the general public and school groups are scheduled on Monday, January 10th and Thursday, January 13th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Groups of five or more are encouraged to make a reservation. Evening tours are also available, via reservations, for 6:30 p.m. on January 10th and 13th. All tours take approximately one hour and cover one mile of walking. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and allow adequate time. OSP is wheelchair accessible.

For more information or to arrange a special tour, call (916) 445-9110. Visit the Office of State Publishing's website at (www.dgs.ca.gov/osp) to learn more.

Note to News Media: A special 150th birthday "celebration" will be held at the Office of State Publishing (corner of North 7th Street and Richards Blvd.) on Wednesday, Jan. 12th at 3:00 p.m. Invited speakers include:

State and Consumer Services Agency Secretary Aileen Adams
Department of General Services Interim Director Cliff Allenby
Sacramento County Supervisor Roger Niello
Sacramento City Councilman Robbie Waters