APPENDIX D-3
GILS Conference Survey Instrument
ASSESSMENT OF KEY ISSUES RELATED TO THE
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LOCATOR SERVICE (GILS)

Instructions: Please provide the information requested below and return the questionnaire to the boxes placed at the back of this room.

Part I: Background Information

1. What is your definition of GILS -- Government Information Locator Service?
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2. Which of the following best describes the setting in which you work?
   ( ) Federal agency
   ( ) Private non-profit organization
   ( ) State or local government
   ( ) Private for-profit organization
   ( ) Other (please describe)
   ________________________________________________

3. _____ years of experience in this setting.

4. Which one category best describes the field in which you work?
   ( ) Chief Information Officer
   ( ) Research and Development
   ( ) Software Developer
   ( ) Sales/Marketing
   ( ) Library/Information Center
   ( ) Information Resources Management
   ( ) Other (please describe)
   ________________________________________________

5. Which one category best describes your involvement with or interest in GILS?
   ( ) Implementor of GILS
   ( ) User of GILS
   ( ) Technical standards developer
   ( ) Information reseller
   ( ) GILS record creator
   ( ) Policymaker
   ( ) Other (please describe)
   ________________________________________________

6. For government agency employees ONLY:

   a. Our agency operates a GILS server
      ( ) yes ( ) no ( ) don't know

   b. Our agency submits GILS records to another agency for listing
      ( ) yes ( ) no ( ) don't know

   c. My unit's GILS is part of a larger department/bureau/agency GILS effort
      ( ) yes ( ) no ( ) don't know

7. How familiar are you with the following (circle the appropriate number):

   a. Federal GILS policies
      1 2 3 4 5
   b. Your agency's GILS policies (if government employee)
      1 2 3 4 5
   c. NARA's guidelines for GILS records creation
      1 2 3 4 5
   d. OMB Bulletin 95-01 on GILS
      1 2 3 4 5
   e. Z39.50 standard
      1 2 3 4 5
   f. FIPS Publication No. 192
      1 2 3 4 5
   g. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, section establishing GILS
      1 2 3 4 5
   h. The World Wide Web
      1 2 3 4 5

8a. Please identify your favorite online alternative (Web or other) to GILS when trying to locate government information:
________________________________________________________________________________________________________
8b. Why do you especially like this particular source?

Part II: Key Issues

Please circle the number or letter that corresponds with the degree to which you agree or disagree:

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<th>Strongly Agree</th>
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<td>9. I am able to describe GILS accurately and fully to others.</td>
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<td>10. A purpose of GILS is to improve public access to government information.</td>
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<td>11. There is adequate policy guidance to direct the development and operation of GILS.</td>
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<td>12. There is adequate technical implementation guidance for developing and operating GILS.</td>
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<td>13. GILS records represent the complete information resources of an agency.</td>
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<td>14. More work needs to be done on the technical standards to support GILS operations.</td>
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<td>15. GILS is so valuable that, if it didn't exist, we would have to create it.</td>
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<td>16. Every agency Web homepage should have a link to the agency's GILS.</td>
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<td>17. GILS has improved public access to Federal information.</td>
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<td>18. A purpose of GILS is to help agency officials better manage agency information.</td>
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<td>19. The World Wide Web reduces the need for GILS.</td>
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<td>20. The appropriate technology is readily available for implementing GILS.</td>
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<td>21. GILS should be expanded throughout the Federal government.</td>
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Please circle true or false for the following:

22. I search GILS several times per day in my everyday work. True False
23. I often refer people to GILS when providing information. True False
24. I find useful information when I use GILS. True False
25. I often find links to GILS on the Web. True False

Part III: Additional Comments

26. Please use the space below to offer any additional comments, pose questions, identify key issues, or discuss topics not mentioned here that the study team should explore: