



Resources for Federal Section 508 Program Managers

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WHAT WE DO

Section 508 Transition Activities are underway and will centralize guidance, avoid duplication and streamline the transition to the revised standards.



Procurement

Automated Tools

- Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART) Release 1
- Solicitation Review Tool



Technical Assistance

Policy and Best Practices

- Request Accessibility Information
- Revised 508 Standards Applicability Checklist
- How to Define Accessibility Provisions Clauses
- Transition Roadmap
- Pulse (Digital Dashboard)



Online Training

Courses for Everyone

- Accessibility of ICT: Overview for Government Executives
- Section 508: What is It and Why is It Important to You?
- Micro-Purchases and Section 508 Requirements
- Playbook: How to Build an Effective Section 508 Program

508 TRANSITION GUIDE FOR AGENCIES

The Section 508 transition toolkit helps agencies learn which changes apply, how to make those changes and how to measure the success of those changes. Resources include how to:

- Specify the government's **accessibility requirements** for new ICT projects (procured or built internally)
- Ensure solicitations (RFPs, RFQs) contain **appropriate contract language**
- Manage accessibility in the agency's IT **procurement / development life cycle**
- Ensure accessible **electronic content** (documents)
- **Test ICT products** and software development projects for accessibility
- Ensure **websites** are accessible
- Know the agency's **need for accessible technology**
- Manage the **complaint process**

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Learn



Understand Section 508 Law and New Standards

Buy



Buy Accessible Procurement and Contracting

Build



Accessible Development and Repair

Manage



Agency Section 508 Programs

Sell



Vendors Selling Accessible ICT

Accessibility News

- [Accessibility Requirements Tool \(ART\) is Live!](#) - Jan 17, 2018
- [Building Accessibility into Your Procurement Process](#) - Jan 04, 2018
- [Universal Design: What's in it for Me?](#) - Dec 20, 2017

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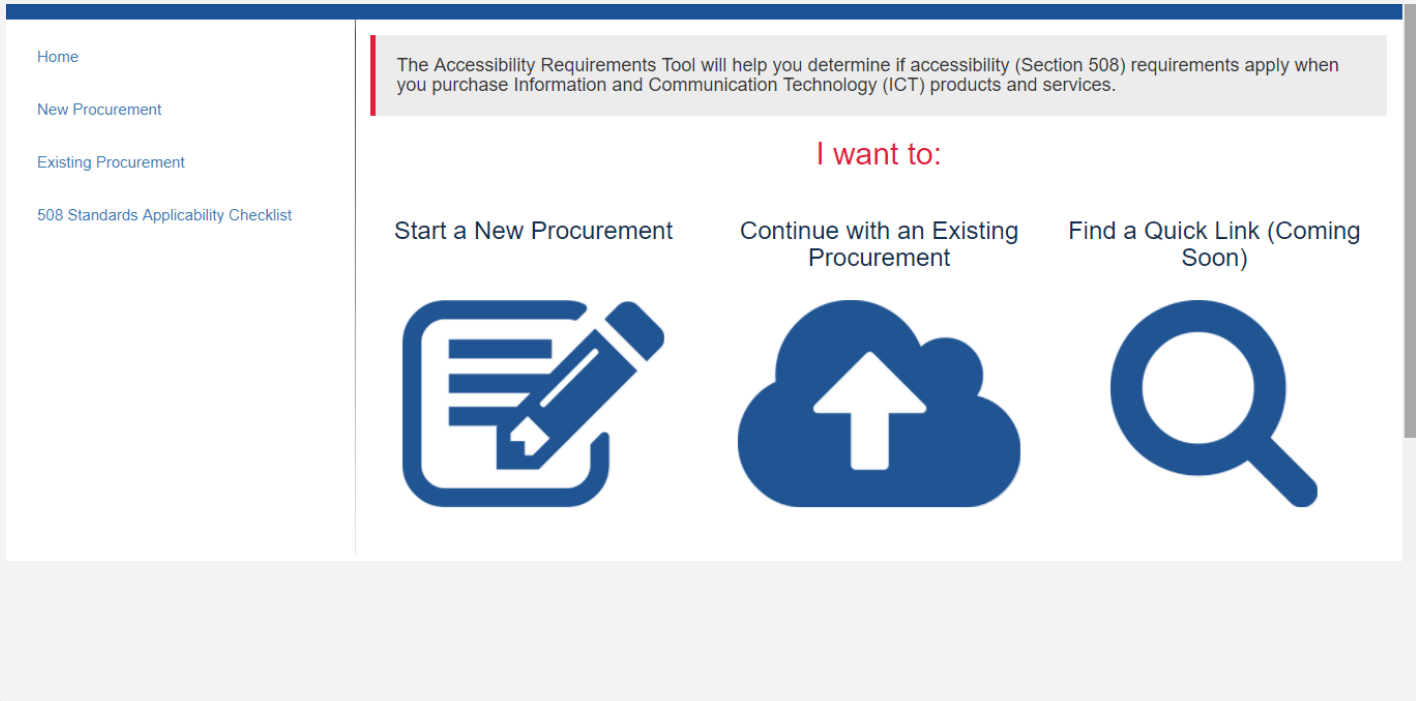
Tools and Guidance

- [Revised 508 Standards Refresh Toolkit](#)
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Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART)

Automates the process of generating accessibility requirements for procurements



The screenshot shows the user interface of the Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART). On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, New Procurement, Existing Procurement, and 508 Standards Applicability Checklist. The main content area features a header with the text: "The Accessibility Requirements Tool will help you determine if accessibility (Section 508) requirements apply when you purchase Information and Communication Technology (ICT) products and services." Below this header is a section titled "I want to:" in red text. Underneath are three options, each with an icon and text: "Start a New Procurement" with a document and pencil icon, "Continue with an Existing Procurement" with a cloud and upward arrow icon, and "Find a Quick Link (Coming Soon)" with a magnifying glass icon.



Solicitation Review Tool (SRT)

Uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to predict if FedBizOpp's solicitations contain appropriate fed policy requirements (508 first)

The screenshot shows the SRT dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Manage/Review Workload, View Analytics, Manage Access Requests, Contact Us, and FAQs. The user is logged in as 'Hello, John' and the GSA logo is visible. The main heading is 'Solicitation Review Tool'. Below this, a descriptive paragraph states: 'The Solicitation Review Tool (SRT) is provided to help agencies evaluate the overall solicitation compliance with accessibility, cyber security, and other regulations and requirements.' A 'Beta Disclaimer' box is present, stating: 'This is a beta version of the SRT platform. The results shown are preliminary only and should not be used or referenced in any official or internal reports.' The dashboard features three main action cards: 'Review/Manage Workload' (with a red checkmark icon), 'View Analytics' (with a magnifying glass icon), and 'Manage SRT Access Requests' (with a group of people icon). Each card includes a brief description of its function.

SRT Home Manage/Review Workload View Analytics Manage Access Requests Contact Us FAQs Hello, John **GSA**

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- Review/Manage Workload**
Access and manage solicitation review results for your agency
- View Analytics**
Visualize trend and discover insights from the analytics
- Manage SRT Access Requests**
The Administrator manages new SRT sign up requests and current users settings



Pulse

Scans existing websites for policy compliance

The Accessibility Report measures adherence to best practices for implementing accessible websites in the federal government. We plan to post quarterly updates, and will eventually add additional measures to the dashboard to show our progress over time.

IMPORTANT: The Pulse reports **do not** constitute a complete evaluation of compliance with accessibility requirements. Rather, they display the results of limited automated scans that address only a small portion of what's required to make a website fully accessible. In addition, although significant effort has been taken to ensure accuracy, Pulse may occasionally cite findings that, through additional manual testing, are found to be false positives. Due to limitations of automated testing, the Pulse checks are not intended to be authoritative, and are not intended to convey a Section 508 conformance assessment.

By Domain

By Agency

Guidance

Show 10 | 25 | 50 | 100 entries

Search:

Domain

Findings

Agency

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General Services Administration

Missing Image Descriptions: 2

HTML Attribute - Initial Findings: 2

Color Contrast - Initial Findings: 11

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General Services Administration



Digital Dashboard

Central “Feds Only” portal for CIOs to benchmark their websites against other agencies and industry standards.

The screenshot shows the Digital Dashboard.GOV website. At the top, it says "An Official Website Of The United States Government" and "This site is currently in alpha". The main header includes the logo "DIGITAL DASHBOARD.GOV" and navigation links for "My account", "Log out", and "Contact Us". A search bar is also present. Below the header is a navigation menu with "Home", "Gov-wide Compliance Report", "Data Discovery", "FAQ", and "Help". The main content area features a large graphic of a network of nodes and lines, with the text "DIGITALDASHBOARD.GOV" and "DIGITALDASHBOARD.GOV - a suite of analytics for the U.S. Federal government to help agencies understand their .gov footprint and compliance with federal policies". Below this are six interactive tiles: "Government-Wide Dashboard" (summary of compliance), "Government-Wide Compliance Reports" (compliance with best practices), "Data Discovery" (browse agency website information), "Website Compliance" (detailed overview of compliance), "Agency-Wide Compliance" (summary report for an agency), and "Search and Reports" (advanced faceted search mechanism).

Section 508 Training Courses

Federal Acquisition Institute

- Micro Purchase Course (FAC 047)
- Section 508: What is it and Why is it important to you? (FAC 049)
- Procuring Section 508 Conformant ICT products and Services
- Technology Accessibility Playbook: How to Build and Effective Section 508 Program

Section508.gov – Training Page

- Accessibility of ICT: An overview for Government Executives
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Appendix A: Resources for Federal Section 508 Program Managers

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508 TRANSITION GUIDE TABLE FOR AGENCIES

Program Activity	Changes	Guidance	Tools	Training	Measurement
Specify the Government's Accessibility Requirements for new ICT projects (procured or built internally)	Section 508 requirements now reflect WCAG 2.0 standards	Revised 508 Standards Applicability Checklist	- Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART) -Accessibility Conformance Reports/VPAT	-Section 508 Basics -Procuring Section 508 Conformant ICT Products and Services	# solicitations with accessibility requirements
Ensure solicitations (RFPs, RFQs) contain appropriate contract language	Contract requirements have been clarified	- How to Request Accessibility Information From Vendors and Contractors - How to Define Accessibility Provisions, Clauses, and Acceptance Criteria	-Solicitation Review Tool (SRT) (in development)	-Procuring Section 508 Conformant ICT Products and Services -Section 508 for Purchase Card Holders (Micro Purchase) training	# solicitation corrected to include accessibility requirements
Manage Accessibility in the agency's IT procurement / development life cycle	Agency Accessibility policy needs to be updated	How to Update Agency Accessibility Policies		-Section 508 for Executives -Playbook training	-maturity of Agency accessibility policy



Appendix A (cont)

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Ensure accessible electronic content (documents)	Requirement include official internal agency correspondence	Accessibility Testing for Electronic Content	-Accessibility Auditing Tools (\$)	AECOP – Training Videos	# accessible documents – internal/external to agency
Test ICT products and software development projects for accessibility	Trusted Testing Protocol updated to reflect new standard	Accessibility Testing for Electronic Content	Trusted Testing Methodology	Trusted Testing Training Courses	# products tested # certified trusted testers
Ensure websites are accessible	Section 508 requirements now reflect WCAG 2.0 standards	Revised 508 Standards Refresh Toolkit	-Pulse Accessibility Module (.gov only) -Commercial testing tools (\$) -Commercial Overlay tools for presentation layer accessibility	WCAG Training	# accessible websites # improved websites
Know the agency need	Must now explicitly survey and identify number of employees with disabilities	Technology Accessibility Playbook			# disabled employees with AT deployed successfully
Complaint process	No change	Technology Accessibility Playbook	Best Practice Library		# complaints handled – maturity of complaint process