Resources for Federal Section 508 Program Managers

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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
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**

A full list of resources is in Appendix A.
Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART)

Automates the process of generating accessibility requirements for procurements

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.

I want to:

- Start a New Procurement
- Continue with an Existing Procurement
- Find a Quick Link (Coming Soon)
Solicitation Review Tool (SRT)

Uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to predict if FedBizOpp’s solicitations contain appropriate fed policy requirements (508 first)
.Gov Domain Services

Pulse

Scans existing websites for policy compliance

**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 is 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.

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Digital Dashboard

Central “Feds Only” portal for CIOs to benchmark their websites against other agencies and industry standards.
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
- Section 508: What is it and Why is it important to you?
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Appendix A: Resources for Federal Section 508 Program Managers

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<td>- Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART) - Accessibility Conformance Reports/VPAT</td>
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<td>-How to Request Accessibility Information From Vendors and Contractors -How to Define Accessibility Provisions, Clauses, and Acceptance Criteria</td>
<td>-Solicitation Review Tool (SRT) (in development)</td>
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