CSU Guide to completing the VPAT 2.0 and associated CSU accessibility documents

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Final Standards and Guidelines covered by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act were published in the Federal Register on January 18, 2017. Compliance with the section 508-based standards is required by January 18, 2018. The rule harmonizes these requirements with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), a globally recognized voluntary consensus standard for web content and ICT. The rule references Level A and Level AA Success Criteria and Conformance Requirements in WCAG 2.0 and applies them not only to websites, but also to electronic documents and software.

The VPAT 2.0 was created by the Information Technology Industry Council (ITIC)

VPAT 2.0

1. Read the instructions on pages 1-8 and page 10 of the VPAT 2.0

CSU specific information for filling out VPAT 2.0

1. Fill out product and contact information
2. WCAG 2.0 Report applies to web, web applications, and mobile
   a. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0
      i. Level A – Table 1 Required
      ii. Level AA – Table 2 Required
      iii. Level AAA – Table 3 optional
      iv. WCAG Conformance Requirements – Table 4 Required
3. Chapter 6 Support Documentation and Services
4. Remarks and Explanations for the Supporting Feature
   a. Supports: How is the guideline met and was conformance validated (be specific)
   b. Supports with Exceptions: will include the supports information and an explanation of the functional impact to the user based on the exception (what cannot be accomplished by the user)
   c. Does not Support – explain what cannot be accomplished by the user

Associated Accessibility Documents

1. For all guidelines that have a supporting feature of “Supports with exception” or “Does not Support” provide a timeline for remediation in the CSU Accessibility Roadmap
2. Please provide an Accessibility Statement
3. Product Demonstration that validates the claims made on the VPAT
4. Open Source Evaluation Tools maybe useful to vendors as they prepare for the product demonstration.