



Section 508 Contract Language

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HHS Section 508 and Accessibility Standards

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-220) requires that when Federal agencies develop, procure, maintain, or use information and communication technology (ICT), it shall be accessible to people with disabilities. Federal employees and members of the public who have disabilities must have access to, and use of, information and data that is comparable to people without disabilities.

All products, platforms and services delivered as part of this work statement that are ICT, or contain ICT, must conform to the Revised 508 Standards, which are located at 36 C.F.R. § 1194.1 & Apps. A, B, & C, and available at <https://www.access-board.gov/ict/>.

All requirements are applicable to support services and documentation deliverables. All functional performance criteria apply when using an alternative design or technology that achieves substantially equivalent or greater accessibility and usability by individuals with disabilities, than would be provided by conformance to one or more of the requirements in Chapters 4-6 of the Revised 508 Standards, or when Chapters 4-6 do not address one or more functions of ICT.

For each proposed product or platform, a fully completed Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) using the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT)

(<https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat>) or HHS conformance checklist(s) (<https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html>) must be submitted.

Prior to acceptance of deliverables, the offeror must demonstrate conformance to the HHS Section 508 requirements via HHS Section 508 checklist(s) (<https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html>). The government reserves the right to perform testing on required ICT items to validate the offeror's Section 508 conformance claims. If the government determines that Section 508 conformance does not meet the HHS Section 508 requirements, the government shall, at its option, require the offeror to remediate the item, at no additional cost to the government, to align with the HHS Section 508 conformance requirements prior to acceptance.

References:

- Section 508 Standards: <https://www.access-board.gov/ict/>
- HHS Policy on Section 508 Compliance and Accessibility of Information and Communications Technology (ICT): <https://www.hhs.gov/web/governance/digital-strategy/it-policy-archive/department-of-health-and-human-services-hhs-policy-on-section-508-and-accessibility-of-technology.html>
- HHS Accessibility and Section 508 Conformance Checklists: <https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html>