Procurement of Accessible EIT Products

In order to promote accessibility of Electronic Information Technology (EIT), as defined in 36 CFR 1194, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, procured by Indiana University of Pennsylvania, those responsible for making EIT procurement decisions must consider accessibility as one of the criteria for acquisition. This is especially crucial for enterprise-level systems or technologies that affect a large number of students, faculty, and/or staff. EIT suppliers are requested to provide a voluntary product accessibility template (VPAT) pertaining to their products when quotes are requested, bids issued, and purchase orders or contracts are awarded.

Z40EIT Comment: Purchase Orders.

All electronic and information technology (EIT) procured through this purchase order must meet the applicable accessibility standards of 36 CFR 1194. 36 CFR 1194 implements Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is viewable at the following URL: http://www.section508.gov. The following Section 508 technical standards are applicable to this RFP, as a minimum: "Software Applications and Operating Systems" (1194.21), "Web-based Intranet and Internet Information and Applications" (1194.22), and "Video or Multimedia Products" (1194.24) C.4. Contractors must provide a voluntary product accessibility template (VPAT) as a condition of this purchase.

RFQ (Language)

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RFI (Language) Accessibility of Electronic Information Technology. All electronic and information technology (EIT) mentioned in this request for information must meet the applicable accessibility standards of 36 CFR 1194. 36 CFR 1194 implements Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is viewable at the following URL: http://www.section508.gov. The following Section 508 technical standards are applicable to this RFP, as a minimum: "Software Applications and Operating Systems" (1194.21), "Web-based Intranet and Internet Information and Applications" (1194.22), and "Video or Multimedia Products" (1194.24) C.4. Contractors are requested to state their level of compliance to applicable sections as part of this request for information.

Slide added to the Introduction to Procurement Presentation

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act

- Electronic Information Technology ((EIT) includes information technology and any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem or equipment that is used in the creation, conversion, or duplication of data information.

- Contractor’s are required to submit voluntary product accessibility templates (VPATs) as part of the quote, bid, and purchase processes.  
  - VPATs are attached to purchase orders and contracts in the SAP Materials Management System.
  - Procurement enters coding in the SAP system for VPATs.
  - Reports of supplier participation in the program can be generated from the SAP system.