Present
Section 508 and Accessible Distance Learning Technologies Workshop

Holiday Inn By the Bay
Portland, Maine
September 9-11, 2008

AGENDA

Purpose
- Increase knowledge on how states can plan for the successful passage and sustainability of Section 508 legislation and standards to improve the accessibility of electronic and information technology
- Increase knowledge on current and emerging distance learning solutions.
- Share information with others working in accessibility and distance learning.

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Section 508 Legislation and Standards
Presenters: Linda Jaco and Brenda Dawes, Oklahoma ABLE Tech

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Cumberland/Kennebec
9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions Oxford/Somerset
9:15 a.m. Oklahoma’s Steps to Passing State Section 508 Legislation Oxford/Somerset

This session will describe the steps that were taken to pass Oklahoma’s legislation modeling the federal Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. It will include the history of Oklahoma’s initiative for statewide development and procurement of accessible electronic and information technology. It will look at strategies that were used and
which succeeded. Discussion will center on how support was garnered and how legislation was built that was successful and sustainable. Also discussed will be the role the Advisory Council played in the legislative initiative.

10:00 a.m. **Review of Oklahoma’s Law and Rules**
   Oxford/Somerset

10:30 a.m. **Break**
   Cumberland/Kennebec

11:00 a.m. **Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards**
   Oxford/Somerset

Noon **Lunch (provided)**
   Cumberland/Kennebec

1:30 p.m. **Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards – continued**
   Oxford/Somerset

2:00 p.m. **Procurement Process and Assuring Compliance to EITA Law**
   Oxford/Somerset
   This session will demonstrate how to use the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) - Oklahoma’s Forms and Procurement Checklist

2:30 p.m. **Break**
   Cumberland/Kennebec

2:45 p.m. **Resources for Replication**
   Oxford/Somerset
   This session will feature training materials, Power points: Overview of law and Procurement Process, Brochure, Forms and Website

3:30 p.m. **State Frequently Asked Questions**
   Oxford/Somerset

4:00 p.m. **Wrap-Up**

**Evening on your own.**
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
Accessible Distance Learning Technologies

8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast Casco Bay Hall

8:30 a.m.  Overview of the Session and Themes
Barbara Keefe, Maine CITE

9:00 a.m.  Overview of the State of the Art in Accessible Distance Learning Casco Bay Hall
Presenter: James DeCaro and E. William Clymer,
PEN-International@NTID
This is an overview of issues and barriers, key elements and context of accessible distance learning such as online and video conferencing. During the session, we will connect to Manila in the Philippines and demonstrate the remote use of CART.

10:30 a.m. Break Casco Bay Hall

11:00 a.m. Current Distance Learning Solutions:
Video Conferencing Casco Bay Hall
Presenters: Ken Smaldone and Bill Walsh, Polycom
This session will demonstrate accessible features of Polycom video conferencing and remote CART.

Noon Lunch Casco Bay Hall

1:00 p.m. Current Distance Learning Solutions:
Moderator: John Brandt
Captioning Educational Materials Casco Bay Hall
Presenter: Kevin Erler, Automatic Sync Technologies (AST)
This session will explore techniques for captioning educational materials. AST has investigated a number of approaches to captioning and this session will outline the results of those investigations and highlight the pros and cons of each approach.
2:00 p.m.  **Current Distance Learning Solutions:**  
**Serotek**  
Casco Bay Hall  
*Presenter: Steve Sawczyn, Assistive Technology Services of Maine*  
This session will include a demonstration of technology solutions that give people with disabilities access to the internet, chat rooms, email, shopping and more.

2:20 p.m.  **Break**  
Casco Bay Hall

2:30 p.m.  **Current Distance Learning Solutions:**  
**Liberating Speech Through Captioning**  
Casco Bay Hall  
*Presenter: Jacob Butcher, Docsoft, Inc.*  
This session will focus on technology solutions for making recorded lectures or training sessions readily available to students and faculty.

3:30 p.m.  **Current Distance Learning Solutions:**  
**Adobe Captivate Accessibility for Accessible eLearning Experiences**  
Casco Bay Hall  
*Presenter: Andrew Kirkpatrick, Adobe Accessibility*  
This session will look at features built into Adobe Captivate that support users with various disabilities. It will examine common workflow scenarios and demonstrate examples.

4:30 p.m.  **Adjourn**

5:00 p.m.  **Reception**  
Cumberland/Kennebec

6:00 p.m.  **End of Reception**

**Evening on your own.**
Thursday, September 11, 2008
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8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast  Cumberland/Kennebec

8:30 a.m.  Learning Systems and Universal Design:
Learning Management Systems (LMS) and
Accessibility  Oxford/Somerset
Presenter:  John Brandt, Maine ASCD
This session will provide an overview of some of the major
learning management systems with a primary focus on
Moodle, an open source solution. The presentation will
outline the issues that course developers need to be aware
of and some recommendations for ensuring their LMS is
accessible to all users.

9:30 a.m.  Learning Systems and Universal Design: Universal Design
and One to One Computing  Oxford/Somerset
Presenter:  Cynthia Curry, Maine Learning Technology
Initiative
This is an overview of how the principles and concepts of
universal design are being used as the foundation in
technology integration for teaching and learning in Maine’s
classrooms.

10:30 a.m.  Break  Cumberland/Kennebec

11:00 a.m.  Challenges and Components of Accessible Distance
Technologies  Oxford/Somerset
Presenters:  Barbara Keefe, Maine CITE and Richard Fasse,
Online Learning, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
This session will highlight some of the challenges and
“glitches” to making distance solutions work. It will also
outline some of the policies that RIT has in place that
impact access and software solutions for online learning.
Noon  Future Directions  Oxford/Somerset
Presenter: Ira Forman, IBM Human Ability and
Accessibility Center
This session describes how automated speech recognition
(ASR) transcription was used to address access issues
when voice transmission is integrated into instant
messaging systems.

1:00 p.m.  Box Lunch and Evaluations  Oxford/Somerset