SECTION 508 BEST PRACTICES WEBINAR

TITLE:

Section 508 Refresh- ICT Final Standards and Guidelines (2017)

TIME: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 1:00- 2:30 PM Eastern Time

SUMMARY:

This webinar will review a final rule recently issued by the U.S. Access Board to refresh its accessibility requirements for information and communication technology (ICT) covered by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Section 255 of the Communications Act.  Presenters will provide an overview of the rule’s scope and structure, highlight substantive changes, and answer questions from attendees.  The Section 508 Standards apply to electronic and information technology developed, procured, maintained or used by the federal government, including computer hardware and software, websites, multimedia, phone systems, and copiers. The Section 255 Guidelines address access to telecommunications products and services and apply to manufacturers of telecommunication equipment.

The webinar will be repeated on February 2 from 2:30 to 4:00 (ET).  Attendees are invited to register for either session.  Both webinars will be recorded and archived.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: The intended audience for this training includes federal employees, industry representatives, technology vendors, members of the public, and everyone who is interested in accessible information and data.

PRESENTERS:

Bruce Bailey, Accessibility Specialist, Access Board

Tim Creagan, Senior Accessibility Specialist/Information Technology, Access Board

MODERATOR:

Earlene Sesker, Training Coordinator, U.S. Access Board

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  + [Amazon Kindle Fire store](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00CH9J1J8?ie=UTF8&ref=mas_dl)

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