

NOTE: Information about Section 508 of the Act is available at <http://www.section508.gov/>. The complete text of Section 508 can be accessed at <http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/provisions.htm>.

Accordingly, regardless of format, all Web content or communications materials specifically produced for publication on, or delivery via, HHS Web sites, including text, audio, or video, under this contract shall conform to applicable Section 508 accessibility standards. Remediation of any materials that do not comply with the applicable accessibility standards of 36 CFR Part 1194 as set forth herein shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

The following Section 508 accessibility standards apply to the content or communications material identified in this SOW or PWS:

NOTE: The Project Officer shall list the applicable accessibility standards of the Access Board Final Rule (36 CFR Part 1194) (e.g., “36 CFR 1194.21(a)–(j).” Most Web-based text and communication must meet the accessibility standards in 36 CFR 1194.22, “Web-based intranet and Internet information and applications.” Additionally, 36 CFR 1194.41, “Information, documentation and support,” and 36 CFR 1194.24 “Video and multimedia products” apply to all written, graphical, or broadcast video materials or products produced for HHS, including training. 36 CFR 1194.41(c) specifies that support services for products shall accommodate the communication needs of end-users with disabilities.

## PART 312—ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

### Subpart 312.1—Acquisition of Commercial Items—General

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312.101 Policy

#### Subpart 312.2—Special Requirements for the Acquisition of Commercial Items

312.202(d) Market research and description of agency need.

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### Subpart 312.1—Acquisition of Commercial Items—General

#### 312.101 Policy.

(a) It is HHS policy to leverage its buying power, reduce acquisition administrative costs, and develop long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships with best-in-class providers of products and services. Accordingly, HHS has implemented a Strategic Sourcing Program through which it awards BPAs or other contract vehicles to achieve savings for commercial items and services across HHS and make the acquisition process more efficient. OPDIVs shall use HHS’ strategic sourcing vehicles to the maximum extent possible—*see* the HHS strategic sourcing portion of the ASFR/OGAPA/DA intranet site for further information.

### Subpart 312.2—Special Requirements for the Acquisition of Commercial Items

#### 312.202(d) Market research and description of agency need.

Whenever an OPDIV/STAFFDIV requires EIT products and services subject to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, commercially available products and services shall be acquired to the maximum extent possible while ensuring Section 508 compliance. Consistent with paragraph 4.3.1 of the HHS Section 508 policy—*see* Section 508 policy on the HHS Office on Disability Web site, if products and services are commercially available that meet some but not all of the applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, and no commercially available products or services meet all of the applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, an OPDIV/STAFFDIV shall acquire the products and services that best meet the applicable Section 508 accessibility standards. Commercial nonavailability exception determinations for EIT products and services that do not meet some or all of the applicable Section 508 accessibility standards shall be processed in accordance with 339.203.