State and Local Government Website Accessibility Federal and State Resources

Americans with Disabilities Act (http://www.ada.gov/)

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to State and local government entities, and protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in services, programs, and activities provided by State and local government entities.

<u>Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act</u> (http://www.section508.gov/) All information and communication technology (ICT) procured, developed, maintained, or used by Federal agencies must be accessible. ICT includes software, hardware, electronic content, support documentation and services.

U.S. Access Board (https://www.access-board.gov/)

The U.S. Access Board is a federal agency that promotes equality for people with disabilities through leadership in accessible design and the development of accessibility guidelines and standards for the built environment, transportation, communication, medical diagnostic equipment, and information technology.

On January 18, 2017, the Access Board published a <u>final rule</u> that jointly updates requirements for information and communication technology covered by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Section 255 of the Communication Act. The Section 508 Standards apply to electronic and information technology procured by the federal government, including computer hardware and software, websites, multimedia such as video, phone systems, and copiers. The Section 255 Guidelines address access to telecommunications products and services, and apply to manufacturers of telecommunication equipment.

State Web Accessibility Toolkit (http://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/AB434) The Toolkit is designed to help determine if your website meets state accessibility requirements and to provide resources to help make your website and website content accessible.

For technical questions about web accessibility - <u>AB434toolkit@dor.ca.gov</u> For technical assistance and training on disability, employment, and program access, contact Department of Rehabilitation's <u>Disability Access</u> <u>Services</u>, <u>dasinfo@dor.ca.gov</u>, Voice (916) 558-5755, TTY 1-844-729-2800