

STATE OF ALASKA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners (see attached)
Division ADA Coordinators
Technology Management Council (see attached)
Communications Coordinators

DATE: July 20, 2011

CC: Becky Hultberg, Chief Information Officer
Pat Shier, Director, Division of Enterprise
Technology Services
Cheryl Walsh, Director, Division of Vocational
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FROM: ADA Task Force (see attached)
Jason Burke State ADA Coordinator /s./

SUBJECT: Web Access Reviews

During Fiscal Year 2011 the ADA program contracted with the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to perform assessments of state websites for accessibility and usability. The Center engaged end-users who experience various types of disabilities to provide initial reviews. Web professionals with the Center then performed technical assessments to identify usability barriers per the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 Level A, WCAG 2.0 Level AA and other principles and standards. Attached are the results for each department along with the methodology used.

This review provides a baseline for state agencies to assess accessibility of websites with input from members of the disability community. It reflects standards accepted by web professionals and adopted by the ADA Task Force. Agencies should continue to engage end-users and experts to maximize web usability for employees and the public.

Thanks to our collaborative efforts state websites have improved significantly during the past four years. The task force would especially like to recognize agency webmasters, the Internet Services Functional Workgroup, the State Web Access Team, the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the University of Alaska Anchorage Disability Support Services for their dedicated efforts.

Alaska's web access community is expanding with participation from public, nonprofit and private agencies and web and communications professionals. All realize the value of usability and universal design. If you are interested in learning more or would like a targeted overview of the web access project, please contact Jason Burke, State ADA Coordinator, at 465-6929 or jason.burke@alaska.gov. The next web access workshop begins on August 2nd as a preconference to the [Midnight Sun Assistive Technology Conference in Anchorage](#).

Attachments: Distribution
Web Access Workshop Flyer
Site Reviews

Attachment – Web Access Review Memo

Commissioners, ADA Task Force, Technology Management Council

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