REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING SECTION 508 STANDARDS

NOTE: The following applies to all FHWA contracts and assistance agreements containing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a deliverable.

In addition to the work requirements specified in this statement of work, the Contractor shall ensure that all ICT deliverables meet the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ICT Final Standards and Guidelines (508 Refresh) at 36 CFR Part 1194.

As defined in the 508 Refresh, at 36 CFR Part 1194, Appendix A, E103.4, ICT is "Information technology and other equipment, systems, technologies, or processes, for which the principal function is the creation, manipulation, storage, display, receipt, or transmission of electronic data and information, as well as any associated content. Examples of ICT include, but are not limited to: computers and peripheral equipment; information kiosks and transaction machines; telecommunications equipment; customer premises equipment; multifunction office machines; software; applications; Web sites; videos; and, electronic documents."

Section 508 requires that all electronic products prepared for the Federal Government be accessible to persons with disabilities, including those with vision, hearing, cognitive, and mobility impairments.

Applicable Standards:

- Appendix A to Part 1194 Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act: Application and Scoping Requirements
- Appendix B to Part 1194 Section 255 of the Communications Act: Application and Scoping Requirements
- Appendix C to Part 1194 Functional Performance Criteria and Technical Requirements

Section 508 Refresh standards are available at https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-ict-refresh.

The Contractor shall adhere to the terms and requirements in <u>FHWA Form 4260 Section 508 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Conformance Criteria</u> for Section 508 conformance. The Conformance Criteria document does not need to be completed when submitting a deliverable.