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NOTIFICATION

TO: All Agencies
FROM: Michael Dietrich, Chief Information Officer, Department of Administration
SUBJECT: Website Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
DATE: September 12, 2018

The State of Nevada is committed to providing equitable access to information and services for all its citizens. One crucial component of complying with this priority entails accessibility of electronic data which meets requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the Rehabilitation Act of 1975.

Recognizing that many State websites, documents, and other web-accessible objects need to be modified for ADA compliance, EITS evaluated and documented existing web material, and has begun remediation efforts on sites in the State Content Management System. While this initial effort has resulted in some progress, the volume of work that needs to be accomplished will require a coordinated effort across, and participation by, all State agencies.

To facilitate this effort and readily identify continued compliance for the future, the EITS Web Team has created online remediation training that all agencies can use http://ada.nv.gov. While developing and testing these procedures, needs for analysis and remediation tools were identified. To this end we are working with vendors to devise a comprehensive toolset and acquire Enterprise licenses for these tools. I recognize that agencies have begun, or are anxious to begin, remediation of their sites. However due to the complexity of some remediation requirements, and the many benefits of selecting a common toolset for all agencies, we ask for your patience while we identify the right solutions. If you have already begun to look at these tools, I ask you work with EITS before purchasing or implementing.

Additional communications, including policy, will be disseminated from this office once an enterprise solution has been adopted. Required approvals for EITS to implement the solution are anticipated to be received in December 2018. Questions regarding this process may be directed to the State Web Development Manager, Linda DeSantis, at Desantis@admin.nv.gov.

We thank you for your cooperation and partnership in this key technology initiative.

All the best,

Michael Dietrich, State CIO