

**STATE OF VERMONT**  
**Agency of Administration**

<b>POLICY MANUAL</b>  <b>STC</b>  <b>STATE TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE</b>	<b>ORIGINAL POLICY ADOPTED BY STC</b>	<b>ORIGINAL POLICY NUMBER</b>
	<b>DATE</b>  <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION:</b> Web Foundation and enhanced standards

STATUTORY REFERENCE  
OR OTHER AUTHORITY: **Existing Federal Accessibility Standards:**

The Access Board: <http://www.access-board.gov/>

Federal "Section 508" Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards for Web-based Intranet and Internet Information and Applications: (<http://www.section508.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Content&ID=12#Web> )

World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 1.0 (<http://www.w3.org/TR/WAI-WEBCONTENT/>)

Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C.A, Section 12101, et. seq. See also 28CFR 35.160.

APPROVAL DATE:

APPROVED BY: **Secretary of Administration**

POLICY TITLE: **Web Accessibility Requirements**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish the State of Vermont's accessibility requirements for public access to web-based information available on websites of all three branches of Vermont State Government including all state agencies and departments and state sponsored organizations including all boards and councils.

POLICY STATEMENT: It is the policy of the State of Vermont to ensure that people with hearing, visual and other disabilities have equal access to public information that has been made available by the state on the World Wide Web. It is the direct responsibility of the managing entities of all state web sites to be knowledgeable of the guidelines for achieving universal accessibility. These guidelines shall be reflected in the design and creation of all official State of Vermont web-based information resources.

SCOPE: This policy is intended for use by all web authors, web application developers, content contributors and contractors creating or maintaining web pages for the State. The basic concepts should be understandable by anyone with a general familiarity with web technologies. Knowledge of Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) and related web languages will help in fully understanding the associated Standards and Guidelines. Exceptions to accessibility standards may be noted for internet mapping (GIS) and engineering design (CAD) web based applications.

