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TO: Procurement Directors
FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Ensuring Compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d)

SUMMARY: Contracting Officers are reminded to ensure that all solicitations, contracts, and task orders purchasing electronic and information technologies (E&IT) meet the accessibility standards of Section 508. The attached joint memorandum from the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget, provides a reminder on ensuring accessibility and provides information on two websites with tools for assisting in the procurement process and training on complying with Section 508.

Acquisition Guide Chapter, 39.2 - Guidance on Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility - Section 508, contains guidance on incorporating and applying E&IT standards into DOE solicitations, contracts, and task orders. The Guide Chapter also has a decision tree to aid in this process.

This Flash will be available online within a day, at the following website:
http://www.management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/policy_flashes.htm.

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