

**Access to Programs, Services, Information, and Technology  
Policy Statement  
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It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide persons with disabilities access to all of its programs, services, and information that is comparable to the level of access provided to others. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and related departmental regulations, have made this policy a requirement since 1978. All programs, activities, services, and information, whether provided to the public or to employees, must be fully accessible to everyone.

Also, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires us to make electronic and information technology fully accessible. Any such products the Department purchases, develops, maintains or uses, must meet Section 508 standards and acquisition requirements, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the agency.

I am calling on all managers and supervisors to provide the leadership necessary to accomplish these important goals. The Chief Information Officer and the Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, are available to provide policy guidance and technical assistance to the departmental offices, operating administrations, and any employee who requests such assistance.

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