

California Information Technology Strategic Plan
 Portal Steering Committee
Information Organization, Usability, Currency & Accessibility (IOUCA)
Working Group
Library & Courts II, 900 N Street, Room 340

- AGENDA: JUNE 13 –

Time:

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| 10 | I. Opening
Review previous minutes | Debbie Schwartz
Working Group |
| 5 | II. Portal Redesign Project (PRP) Update | Claudina Nevis |
| 30 | III. Status Updates – Working Teams
Accessibility
Usability
Cascading Style Sheets | Neal
Donna
Steve B. |
| 5 | IV. Templates – Recommendation vs. Evaluation | Working Group |
| 5 | V. Next Steps and Adjourn
Next IOUCA meeting June 20, 2006 at LC II (900 N Street)
Agenda Items? | Kris Ogilvie
Debbie Schwartz |
| 80 | VI. Working Teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility – Neal (Leader), John, Shayn, Joni, Bill • Usability – Donna (Leader), Kris, Liz, Theresa, Jeff, Sally • Cascading Style Sheets – Steve B. (Leader), Anamarie, Patrick, Debbie | Room 301
Room 302
Room 340 |

Action Items for Review – Due June 13, 2006

ACTION: Develop a list of file types and versions that should be used for California web pages. The list should be prioritized by most desirable and focused on where we want to be in the future rather than where we are now.

Assigned To: Neal Albritton, Steve Branson

Due: June 20, 2006 (Update)

Update: Neal will start developing the list of accessibility requirements for Adobe products.

ACTION: Follow up on the feasibility of using Executive Institute as a vehicle for ongoing training for executives.

Assigned To: Claudina Nevis and Liz Mecham

Due: June 20, 2006 (Update)

Update: Claudina and Liz will determine how Executive Institute could serve as a vehicle for ensuring that executive management understands the business needs for accessible, usable websites as well as what needs to be done to achieve this.

ACTION: Develop a beginner's version of the workbook.

Assigned To: Neal Albritton

Due: June 20, 2006 (Update)

Update: The draft is complete; the working team will discuss and review the draft.

ACTION: Discuss a process for disseminating information to content providers and webmasters quickly. Prepare a plan to establish ongoing communication with webmasters.

Assigned To: John Jewell

Due: June 27, 2006 (Update)

Update: In progress.

ACTION: Follow up on the feasibility of using GTC as a vehicle for ongoing technical training.

Assigned To: Claudina Nevis and Liz Mecham

Due: October 10, 2006 (Update)

Update: Claudina met with the executive officer of GTC; they were very receptive to working with us. They are looking for some guidance from IOUCA; Claudina will follow up in October after the Web Accessibility Training is complete.

Parking Lot

1. Frame the issue of application accessibility and usability.

Assigned To: Steve Clemons

Due: June 27, 2006 (Update)

Update: It was noted that many online applications are written by consultants; the state may not have the necessary skills to make changes. It was suggested that the two parking lot items be considered as Phase 2. IOUCA will need to work closely with CEAP on the two items.

Action Items for Review – Due June 13, 2006

2. *Conduct high level research and frame the issue of accessibility and usability in regards to online forms.*

Assigned To: Steve Clemons

Due: June 27, 2006 (*Update*)

Update: See above.

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Purpose and Definition – Updated April 3, 2006

Accessibility: The ability to fully acquire, use, and manipulate Web-based content and /or services by all individuals – regardless of individual age, disability, dependence on assistive technology to process information, or primary language.

Best Practice: A technique or methodology that, through experience and research, has proven to reliably lead to a desired result.¹ A generally accepted “best” way of doing something.²

Definition: A statement expressing the essential nature of something.³

Findability: “Findability refers to the quality of being locatable or navigable. At the item level, we can evaluate to what degree a particular object is easy to discover or locate. At the system level, we can analyze how well a physical or digital environment supports navigation and retrieval.” -Peter Morville. “You can’t use what you can’t find.” - www.Findability.org

Guideline: An indication or outline of policy or conduct.⁴ An attempt to streamline a process by establishing a set routine. By definition, following a guideline is never mandatory. “Guidelines may be issued by and used by any organization (governmental or private) to make the actions of its employees or divisions more predictable, and presumably of higher quality.”⁵

Policy: A high-level overall plan embracing the general goals and acceptable procedures especially of a governmental body.⁶

Procedure: A series of steps followed in a regular definite order; a particular way of accomplishing something or of acting.⁷ “A series of activities, tasks, steps, decisions, calculations and other processes, that when undertaken in the sequence laid down produces the described result, product or outcome. Following a procedure should produce repeatable results for the same input conditions.”⁸

Purpose: An object or end to be attained.⁹

Standards: Any definite rule, principle, or measure established by authority.¹⁰ “A standard is “Thou shall” while a guideline is a recommendation, more like “You should if your situation warrants.””¹¹

Usability: Usability is a quality attribute that assesses how easy user interfaces are to use. (Jakob Nielsen, Usability 101: Introduction to Usability, August 25, 2003, <http://www.useit.com/>).

¹ Bitpipe (www.bitpipe.com)

² Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org)

³ Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

⁴ Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

⁵ Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org)

⁶ Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

⁷ Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

⁸ Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org)

⁹ Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

¹⁰ Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

¹¹ Information Technology: Data Warehouse Glossary. California State University, Monterey Bay. <http://it.csUMB.edu/departments/data/glossary.html>.