

Canadian-based e-learning company provides ground breaking solution for the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, with its award winning web-based "Train the Trainer" program ...

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Mississauga, ON – Vubiz Ltd of Mississauga, Ontario, was chosen by the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, to develop a Train the Trainer program which would provide sectors with obligations under the ODA (The Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001) with a reference tool and training guide on the importance of planning accessible communities. An additional requirement was the ability to update the program's content to reflect anticipated changes in legislation and incorporate new online resources.

ODA obliges municipalities, school boards, colleges, universities, public transportation organizations and hospitals to develop accessibility plans. The demand for accessible e-learning is increasing and the ability to provide integrated training solutions that meet a variety of needs is an important step forward.

Vubiz developed the Train the Trainer program using their own Flash<sup>TM</sup>-based authoring system, and created a parallel, accessible HTML-based version especially designed for learners with disabilities. "The extensive research and testing that went into the development of this program will allow us to offer clients accessible e-learning programs that are both cost-effective and time-effective", said Jim Rapino, President & CEO of Vubiz Ltd.

The Accessibility Directorate has benefited greatly by acquiring this high-quality training tool that meets current Canadian and international accessibility guidelines. Approximately 40,000 – 50,000 people will access the program annually.

User feedback exemplifies wide acceptance and appreciation of the program.

"... I could certainly use this information and presentation guidelines for use in presentation of the Accessibility Planning needs of our community." "I think this program should be a must for all Advisory group members so they understand what we need to be doing. A lot of good information and well presented." "I would certainly recommend this program to all municipal accessibility coordinators!"

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