

Commitment to Alternative Accessibility

[Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#) requires that all Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) products and services developed, procured, used or maintained by the Federal Government conform to the [Section 508 standards](#), unless an [exception](#) applies. In addition to the 508 exceptions (listed in subpart A, §1194.3), VA Section 508 has agreed to three cases during the acquisition or deployment of EIT where the Section 508 technical standards (subpart B, §1194.21-1194.26) might not apply.

Instructions: This form can be used by Government requiring officials and project managers only. You may use this form as an artifact during a Project Management Accountability System (PMAS) milestone review, or as supporting documentation for a One-VA Technical Reference Model (TRM) or IT Acquisition System (ITARS) request.

Contact Information

Requiring Official Name: _____

Requiring Official Phone Number: _____

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To which VA component to do you belong?: VA VHA VBA NCA

General Information

Product Name: _____

Product Version Number: _____

Product Description:

Tracking Information

Is there an ITARS request number associated with this product? Yes No N/A

If yes, please provide the ITARS request number: _____

Is this product in the One-VA Technical Reference Model (TRM)? Yes No N/A

Include the URL, entry number, or search terms used to locate this product's TRM entry.

Is this product for use in a PMAS project? Yes No N/A

If this product is for use in a PMAS project, what is the project's EPS number or PMAS number?

Alternative Selected

I believe the Section 508 technical standards do not apply to my EIT effort because (select all applicable options):

The item is not IT as it is certified by the FDA under Section 201(h) of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

No human interaction

Rather than meet the technical standards, I will provide equivalent facilitation according to Section 508 subpart A, §1194.5 (must complete narrative in next section).

Narrative: Equivalent Facilitation

Provide a detailed narrative as to how you will make this EIT product, project, or system accessible to and usable by people with disabilities. Meeting the Section 508 standards is one way to do this, but you are free to propose an alternative that will provide **substantially equivalent or greater** access to and use of the technology. If you've chosen this option, describe how you will achieve accessibility.

Affirmations and Signature:

- I affirm that Section 508 standards 1194.31 and 1194.41 apply to this technology, and they will be met.
- I affirm that the absence of applicable technical standards does not remove my obligation to provide reasonable accommodation to people with disabilities upon request.
- I affirm that I have a plan and dedicated resources to make all information and data dependent on this technology accessible to and usable by people with disabilities, be they VA employees or members of the public seeking information or services from the Government.

VA Requiring Official Name: _____ Date: _____

VA Requiring Official Signature: _____