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Website Modernization Program

The Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) website modernization program was created to ensure all state websites provide an accessible, trusted and secure experience for all Virginians. Specifically, the program looks to aid agencies in meeting the COV web standards.

Visit the web hub

Happy New Year!

Last year was a big year for website modernization! New standards, new tools, new processes. If there is one word to wrap up 2023, it would be **CHANGE**. We introduced a lot of new things this year. Thank you again for joining us on the ride!

We have big plans for 2024 as well. The word we hope to focus on is **MATURITY**: maximize the use of our tools through training and knowledge-sharing, dial in on compliance with specific web standards, and continue to improve the security and accessibility of our web ecosystem.

Accessibility

First up on maturing how we work -- PDF accessibility!

Join Michelle Pinsky during accessibility office hours next**Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.** for a special topic seminar: *PDF Accessibility 101 – What it is and how to do it.*

The seminar will teach participants the importance of PDF accessibility and why it's important for meeting compliance guidelines for state agencies. The seminar will feature a step-by-step tutorial on how to make PDFs accessible in Adobe Acrobat, as well as provide free printable cheat sheets and checklists for participants to take back with them on their accessibility journey.

Participants looking to participate in the live tutorial should have**Adobe Acrobat** installed on their machine. This seminar will be recorded. For additional questions, please reach out to Michelle at michelle.pinsky@vita.virginia.gov.

Join Michelle on Teams: ***Click here to join the meeting***
https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDUwN2NmNzktMzE5Ny00MzNmLTg0ZTEtM2FmY2Q2ZjhhZTYw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226ec84dbe-0311-4fb2-9fca-51a8a97288a3%22%7d

Or call in here: 434-230-0065, Conference ID: 195 978 362#

Siteimprove

Speaking of accessibility training, we onboarded over 130 developers to Siteimprove Frontier and the Accessible Virginia training platform in December. Siteimprove Frontier will finish rolling out our custom training credentials the week of **Jan. 22**, after which all remaining Siteimprove users will be added to the platform.

With your Frontier account, you will have access to custom web developer, web designer and content contributor training. All users will have access to all training, so you can dive into anything that will assist you in your job duties.

- ACTION ITEM: Raise your hand! Accessibility training isn't just for Siteimprove users. If your agency has content creators, or anyone who would benefit from learning more about accessibility, they can sign up for Siteimprove Frontier using the WebMod Software Request form on VITA's service portal. We are currently using about 350 of our 800 seats. We'll be monitoring requests to fill the remaining seats while ensuring all agencies have access to the training.

Analytics

Interested in learning more about website analytics? Join us for a webinar with the Siteimprove team where they will cover the analytics module and its features, how to implement the code on your websites and the training available to all Frontier users.

- ACTION ITEM: We will schedule the webinar in early February. Please contact webmod@vita.virginia.gov to let us know you are interested, so we can plan accordingly.

eGov Contracts

Manny Liban, our eGov Service Manager, worked hard with our supply chain partners over the holiday and has been able to amend our existing contracts with AISN and SiteVision. Their service options now include web remediation pricing available to agencies not currently hosted or serviced by the vendors.

Learn more about eGov services, and review the AISN and SiteVision pricing tables here: https://www.vita.virginia.gov/technology-services/catalog-services/egov-services/

If you have any questions about eGov services, please email Manny at manual.liban@vita.virginia.gov.

Next Steps

- Request access to Siteimprove Frontier and the Accessible Virginia training platforming using the **WebMod Software Request form**.

- Let us know at **webmod@vita.virginia.gov** if you're interested in learning more about analytics! Look for more details and an invitation to the webinar in the coming weeks.

- Have ideas on how we can further mature website modernization? New tools you think would benefit the Commonwealth? Reach out any time!

If you have questions or would like to be added to the distribution list for this

newsletter, please contact **webmod@vita.virginia.gov**.

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