

## IT Web Services Advisory Committee

### Agenda

August 11, 2016

3:00 PM

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1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
3. Subcommittee Updates
4. Supplemental Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SANPRM) – Anthony DeSantis: The Department of Justice is seeking public comment on the proposed rule and has included three questions (Questions 113-115) in its Supplemental Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SANPRM) related to the cost of implementation at postsecondary institutions, acknowledging that postsecondary Web sites may be more complex than other public entities' sites because of online education and the use of LMSs. The public comment period has been extended to October 7, 2016.

Information about the rule and the SANPRM may be found at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/07/29/2016-18003/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-disability-accessibility-of-web-information-and-services-of-state>. The introductory paragraph to the postsecondary SANPRM questions is below:

### **11. Public Educational Institutions**

The Department is considering whether public educational institutions (*i.e.*, public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary institutions) may face unique challenges in complying with a Web accessibility rule. Public educational institutions' Web sites may be more complex and interactive than other public entities' Web sites, primarily because of the characteristics of online education and the use of LMSs. Many aspects of public educational institutions' Web sites are accessed via a secure Web portal. The secured portions of public educational institutions' Web sites may require more regular access and interaction for completing essential tasks such as course registration and course participation. Because these portions of the Web sites require individualized usernames and passwords, the Department has

been unable to evaluate the characteristics of these Web sites to date, thus making it difficult to monetize the benefits and costs of making the secured portions of the Web sites accessible in accordance with the proposal currently under consideration by the Department. The Department seeks additional information regarding the benefits and costs of Web accessibility for public educational institutions. Please include as much information as possible to support each of your responses, including specific data or research where possible.

5. Adjourn

Next meeting: 3:00 PM, Thursday, October 13, 2016