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Section 508 Deadline Approaches

June 21, 2001 marks the deadline for Federal agencies who develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology, including the United States Postal Service, to comply to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended by the FY 2001 Appropriation for Military Construction (Public Law 106-246- July 13, 2000).

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments requires that when Federal agencies develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology, they shall ensure that the electronic and information technology allows Federal employees with disabilities to have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access by Federal employees who are not individuals with disabilities, unless an undue burden would be

imposed on the agency. Section 508 also requires that individuals with disabilities, who are members of the public seeking information or services from a Federal agency, have access to and use of information and data that is comparable to that provided to the public who are not individuals with disabilities.

Section 508 further requires The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) to publish standards setting forth a definition of electronic and information technology and the technical and functional performance criteria necessary for such technology to comply with Section 508.

For additional information on Section 508, technical standards, or the Apr 25 final Federal Acquisition Regulation ruling affecting federal contracts, please visit the Section 508 website at <http://www.section508.gov/>.

Kudos

Congratulations to Small Business SDC industry partner Alpha Data Corporation on their award as the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2001 National Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year. For more information about Alpha Data's achievement, please visit <http://smallbusinesssuccess.sba.gov/>.

Additional information about the SBSDC may be found on the web at <http://www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov> or by calling 1-877-327-8732.

Upcoming Events:

- Jul 17: Small Business SDC Visit to GSA FTS Denver Office, 1-877-327-8732
- Aug 1-3: Excellence in Government 2001 Conference & Expo, Washington, DC, <http://www.govexec.com/excelgov/>
- Aug 7: Department of State Technology Expo, Washington, DC, http://www.fbcinc.com/newpromos/DOS_8_7_01.gif