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New Training Resources Issued:

A web accessibility tutorial is now available online from any campus networked computer. No login is required. Please pass this link along to all interested staff and faculty on your campus. Instructions and guides, provided by San Jose State University, for using the course are on the web site. The training is captioned. The tutorial is available at:

<http://www.calstate.edu/accessibility/tutorials/lynda/>

In addition, the ATI has conducted a survey of training resources on accessibility that have been created by campuses, and the results have been published in a document that can be requested by contacting Keva Williams kwilliams@calstate.edu.

These offerings by campuses will help you in training staff and faculty in accessibility. If you have training that you would like to share, please mail them to Jwells@calstate.edu. Please include a link and a description.

FAQ on copyright issues is available:

There are many confusing and obscure issues and questions regarding copyright law and how to comply with it that have arisen from people who are implementing ATI requirements, especially with respect to the Instructional Materials priority. Jean Wells has compiled a list of questions from campuses, and the legal department of the CO has provided answers. The resulting FAQ can be requested from Keva Williams, kwilliams@calstate.edu. This document also includes a very helpful list of resources.

Procurement: VPAT Database is Under Construction

The DIVA database project at San Francisco State University has begun to work on developing a VPAT database that will be available for campuses beginning in the fall. Fields have been defined, and templates drafted. Coding will take place in August. Sam Ogami, who is leading this project for the ATI, will be asking several active members of the Procurement Community of Practice to review the draft templates and provide feedback during this development phase. Once the VPAT database is launched, campuses will be asked to begin populating it with VPAT's.

Disability Policy:

July 26 will be the 18th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since a Presidential campaign is occurring this year, the American Association of People with Disabilities is hosting a National Forum on Disability Issues in Columbus, Ohio. Judy Woodruff, national news anchor and journalist from “The News Hour with Jim Lehrer” will moderate the event, and both Presidential candidates have been invited. So far, John McCain has accepted and Barack Obama has expressed interest.

The Forum will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 Eastern Time, and an audience of 1,000 is expected. A live, simultaneous webcast with captioning and ASL interpreting will also be made available by disaboom.com. Some groups are planning to view the webcast as a way to celebrate the ADA Anniversary. Online registration is available at <http://www.aapd.com/News/election/080423aapd.htm>.

AAPD has launched a campaign on YouTube to convince Barack Obama to confirm that he will attend the Forum. Disability advocates, friends and family members are invited to add their own video's in response. The AAPD video can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO2COBeJd3A>.

Second Life and Accessibility News Item...interesting...

According to PRLog, the first publicly available web browser for Second Life was launched on July 15 by Daden Limited. The browser, called the Daden Navigator, allows Second Life residents to browse the web collaboratively, sharing the same web screen between people who may be continents apart. The Daden Navigator is based on technology that was originally developed for visually impaired users. According to David Burden of Daden, “it suddenly makes Second Life residents acutely aware of web accessibility issues – if a web site is accessible it will work well with Daden Navigator, if it isn't then Second Life users, just like visually impaired users, will struggle.”