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Master Captioning Agreement

The Chancellor's Office has negotiated an agreement with Automatic Sync Technology (AST) for a bulk pre-purchase of captioning, transcribing and combined captioning/transcribing services at a cost savings of approximately 30%. Campuses that take advantage of this service will be charged for their usage by the Chancellor's Office. In order to participate, campuses are required to designate an Administrator who will coordinate their campus' participation financially and be the primary point of contact for the CO. For more information, contact Jean Wells at jwells@calstate.edu.

Thanks for the Effort on ATI Reports

Campus reports on ATI implementation in the three priority areas were due to the CO on August 15. Many thanks are due to the stalwart individuals on each campus who took on the responsibility of collecting information and following the guidelines for the reports. At the CO, we have already started looking at them and will develop a rubric for reviewing them and providing individualized feedback to campuses as well as summary documents in each priority area. Our goal is to provide feedback by the end of November. Remember, we have 23 reports to get through and analyze, so it will take a while to digest them all.

Regional Meetings Registration is Open

This fall six campuses will host ATI Regional Meetings that will highlight best practices from selected campuses, allow those engaged in ATI implementation to share information, challenges and strategies, and encourage regional collaboration. The dates are:

San Marcos	September 26
Fullerton	October 14
Northridge	October 23
San Jose	November 3
Sacramento	November 18
Fresno	December 5

Registration online is available at <https://www.regonline.com/regmtgs>. Anyone needing assistance with registration should contact Keva Williams at kwilliams@calstate.edu.

Door Hangers

The CO has developed a catchy door-hanger, like the kind you find in hotel rooms, that can be used to remind faculty and instructors about the ATI. One side says "Please Do Not Disturb! I'm Taking the Initiative to make my courses accessible". It also has the "ThinkB4U Teach, Buy, Design" logo developed at Cal State San Luis Obispo. The other side has the ATI Top 10 things faculty can do. Packages with enough door hangers for all the faculty and instructors on each campus have been sent to most campuses, and the remaining campuses will receive a package this week. If you would like to find out who on your campus has been sent the package, contact Keva Williams, kwilliams@calstate.edu.

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Good article on libraries and Section 508

<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6585927.html>

"Digital Discrimination"

Ten years after Section 508, libraries still fall short of addressing disabilities online

By Jim Blansett -- Library Journal, 8/15/2008