Feedback to campuses from 2008 ATI Reports

The ATI staff have sent individualized feedback to campuses from the three ATI reports that were submitted in August for web accessibility, 508 procurement and instructional materials accessibility. The feedback documents were sent to campus ATI Executive Sponsors. In addition to these individualized responses, the ATI staff are also preparing the following:

- An aggregation of the most useful responses to the report template questions from all of the CSU campuses for each ATI priority area. Reviewing all of the reports has been very informative. We have learned about many exemplary practices and approaches that have been adopted and developed. They need to be shared. There is also no doubt that almost all of the campuses are struggling with one aspect of implementing the ATI or another. This aggregation of exemplary report responses will no doubt be very useful to the CSU as we face the challenges of implementing the ATI.

- A Report Summary and Analysis for each ATI priority area, with recommendations for implementation of the ATI system wide. This document will describe overall trends, strengths, weaknesses and challenges.

Regional Meetings

The ATI will co-host its 6th and final Regional Meeting at CSU Fresno on Friday, Dec. 5. Thanks are in order to Ethelynda Harding, CSU Fresno’s Director of Teaching, Learning and Technology for her coordinating CSU Fresno’s hospitality. A collection of the Best Practices presentations and notes from Open Space discussions held at the Regional Meetings can be found at http://blogs.calstate.edu/accessibility/index.php?paged=2

HiSoftware License for Year 3

Year 3 of the CSU contract to use HiSoftware web accessibility checking tools will begin in January. The license keys and instructions to renew the licenses will be sent out to campuses by December 8. If you need assistance to find out who your campus contact is for the HiSoftware license, contact Keva Williams, kwilliams@calstate.edu.
American Foundation for the Blind survey regarding Learning Management Systems

The American Foundation for the Blind recently released the results of an informal survey of blind and low vision individuals regarding their experiences with online educational tools. The findings of the survey indicated that the most important and necessary features of most of the online tools that the respondents had used presented significant problems for those using screen readers and screen magnification software. The respondents provided details of their experiences and suggestions for how to deal with the most problematic features. For more information, go to http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=3&TopicID=377&DocumentID=4492

Because of the holidays, this newsletter is quite short. We hope you had a great Thanksgiving, and wish you and your loved ones a very happy and relaxing holiday break.