

Nebraska Information Technology Commission  
 Technical Panel  
 Accessibility of Information Technology Work Group  
 Charter

Purpose	Make recommendations to the Technical Panel on all matters relating to the creation and implementation of an accessibility of information technology policy for state governmental agencies and educational institutions.
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Scope/ Boundaries	Information technology, as it pertains to the scope of this policy, includes the following areas: <b>Web-based information and services</b> —including those associated with the provision of services, employment, administration, and courses of instruction, <b>Hardware and software to be developed, purchased or acquired</b> by state governmental agencies and educational institutions. <b>Environments specific to information technology</b> —including classroom and general use computer facilities, on-line instruction, distance learning, places of employment, libraries, and resource centers. <b>Exemptions</b> —Extreme difficulty or expense (Undue Burden); Hardware and software tools specific to a research or development process in which no member of the research or development team requires accessibility accommodations; Hardware or software for which no equivalent option is available (Non-availability).
Desired Goals and Outcomes	The intent of the accessibility of information technology policy is to promote equal access to electronic information resources, technologies and services for citizens, students, employees, and visitors—including those with disabilities.
Authority	The work group will make recommendations to the Technical Panel regarding policies, guidelines and training regarding accessibility for information technology.  Decisions on proposed recommendations will be determined by a vote of the members.
Membership	Any member of one of the NITC Councils or Technical Panel may participate in the work group, with permission of the sponsor. Membership shall include representatives from the following entities: State agencies, Education, and Others. The sponsor of the work group may solicit membership from other entities to provide additional perspectives and information.
Reporting	The sponsor of the work group will report to the Technical Panel as needed.
Time Frame	The work group will continue in existence until this charter is repealed.

Approved by the Technical Panel on February 10, 2004. Revised November 8, 2005.