Program Area: Learning & Development

Category: Best Use of Section 508 Requirements for Training Platforms

The category **Best Use of Section 508 Requirements for Training Platforms** is for a written description of a learning program that incorporates Section 508 elements, which make learning accessible to audiences with disabilities. (Best Accessibility Solution).

Training, learning, talent, HR, or other related department can enter either alone or together with a helping organization (such as a vendor aka solution provider, or consultant). Helping organizations cannot enter alone.

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| **Judging Criteria: The judges will evaluate your entry on a scale of 1-6 on each of these criteria below.** |
| 1. **Fit to the Needs**
 | The 508 requirement elements effectively address the functional performance criteria and facilitate the special learning needs of impaired users. |
| 1. **Design of the Program**
 | The design of this training program provides a comprehensive approach to accessibility, taking into consideration challenges for learners with disabilities. Describe in detail what elements were added to make the program meet the 508 requirements. |
| 1. **Delivery of the Program**
 | The training delivery provided an accessible user experience that met the stated learning outcomes. |
| 1. **Measurable Benefits**
 | The training program produced measurable benefits and outcomes. |
| 1. **Overall**
 | Overall, the training program demonstrates an effective learning solution that provides an accessible and engaging experience for individuals with disabilities. |

Entry Overview:

***Please make sure all information matches the online application.***

Entry Information

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| **Entry Title** | (Insert text here) |
| Name of Entering Organization | (Insert text here) |
| \*Name of Helping Organization (Vendor) if submitted jointly: | (Insert text here) |
| \*OPTIONAL PR | (Insert text here) |
| Date | (Insert text here) |
| Brief Description of Entry (2-3 Sentences) | (Insert text here) |

Company Background (of entering organization, not the solution provider)

Insert company logo here

Use the grid below to give information about the organization, size and scope, and industries served.

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| **Company-at-a-Glance** |
| Headquarters | (Insert text here) |
| Year Founded | (Insert text here) |
| Revenue | (Insert text here) |
| Employees | (Insert text here) |
| Global Scale (Regions that you operate in or provide services to) | (Insert text here) |
| Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered)  | (Insert text here) |
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Budget and Timeframe

Please fill out the following grid with your best ability. You may offer an estimate or range for each. If this information is confidential or not applicable, enter N/A. Your entry will not be judged based on this information; however, this offers the judges a greater understanding of your entry, complexity, and/or maturity.

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| **Budget and Timeframe** |
| Overall budget | (Insert text here) |
| Number of (HR, Learning, Talent) employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of Operations or Subject Matter Expert employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of contractors involved with implementation | (Insert text here) |
| Timeframe to implement | (Insert text here) |
| Start date of the program | (Insert text here) |

Entry Details:

Judging Criteria 1: Fit to the Needs

Use this area to describe the business conditions and business needs that led the organization to create this training program. How did the 508 requirement elements effectively address the functional performance criteria and facilitate the special learning needs of impaired users?

Details:

Overview

Use this area to provide a description of the 508-training program and its impact on the organization. What goals were established through implementing this program and were they achieved?

Details:

Judging Criteria 2: Design of the Program

Use this area to discuss how the program was designed for its audience. How was the program designed to provide a comprehensive approach to accessibility, taking into consideration challenges for learners with disabilities? Describe in detail what elements were added to make the program meet the 508 requirements.

Details:

Judging Criteria 3: Delivery of the Program

Use this area to discuss how the program was delivered to its audience. Did the training delivery provide an accessible user experience that met the stated learning outcomes?

Details:

Judging Criteria 4: Measurable Benefits

Use this area to discuss the measurable benefits as seen by the organization. How is ROI/impact of the program measured and what were the results? What was prioritized? What was important and how was it identified?

Details:

Judging Criteria 5: Overall

Did this training program demonstrate an effective learning solution that provides an accessible and engaging experience for individuals with disabilities? Use this section to provide a summary of key findings. What lessons were learned? What is next/future outlook?

Details: