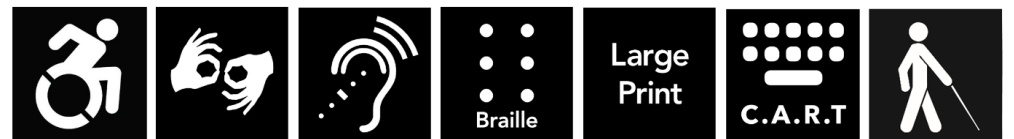


5 - Procurement & Vendor Accessibility



About the NM Digital Accessibility Pilot



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- I. Advance ADA Title II Digital Accessibility Compliance
- II. Build Internal Capacity with Tools, Training, and Governance
- III. Position NM as a National Leader in Accessibility



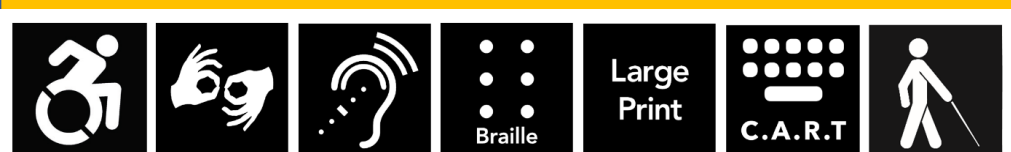
Start Accessibility with Procurement

Benefits of Accessible Procurement

- Prevents barriers before implementation
- Reduces long-term legal and financial risk
- Aligns with ADA Title II and WCAG 2.1 AA
- Incentivizes vendors to build accessible products

Who is Responsible in Your Agency

- Procurement Officers
- Program/Project Manager
- IT Team
- Legal Counsel



Understanding VPATs and ACRs

What is a VPAT and Why It Matters

- VPAT = Voluntary Product Accessibility Template
- ACR = Accessibility Conformance Report
- Helps assess if a product meets agency needs before purchase: WCAG 2.1 AA
- VPAT vs. ACR



What is Included in a VPAT

VPAT 2.5Rev WCAG 2.1 AA

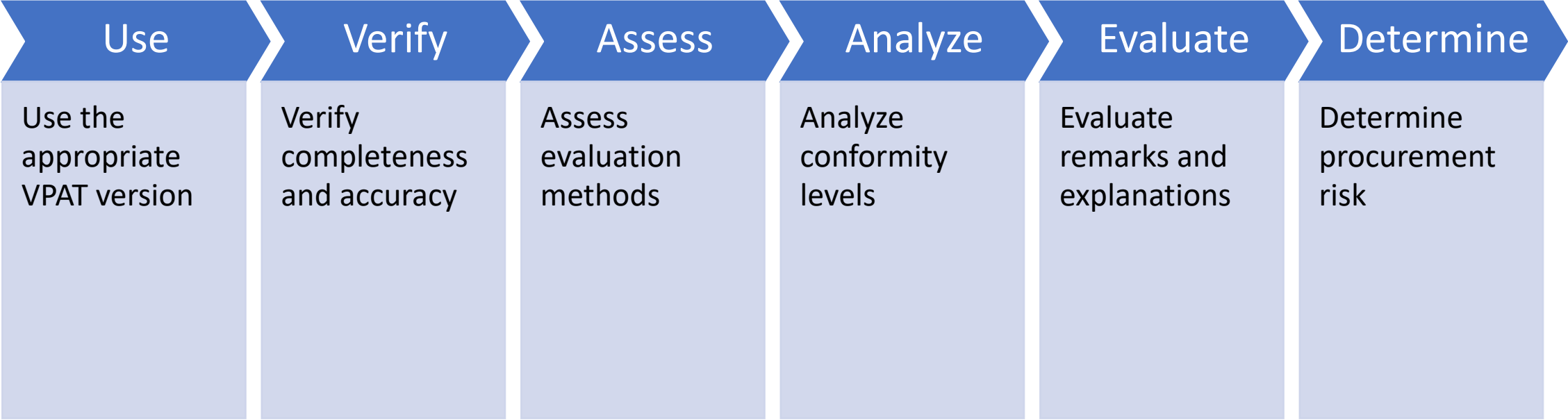
1. Product Information
 1. Product name and version
 2. Date of evaluation and methods used
2. WCAG Conformance Table
 1. Conformance level
 2. Remarks and Explanations



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Integrating VPATs into the Procurement Life Cycle



Ongoing Vendor Accountability

Post-Procurement Monitoring

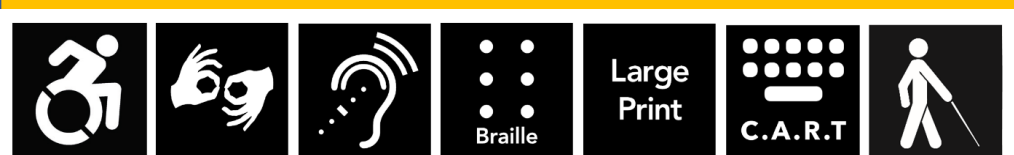
- Conduct testing before launch
- Define roles for addressing post-launch issues
- Maintain accessibility in updates and renewals
- Document issues and vendor responses



Contract Language for Accessibility

Embedding Accessibility in Contracts (suggestions)

- Require WCAG 2.1 AA compliance (ADA Title II)
- Vendor must submit ACR (VPAT 2.5 or newer)
- Include testing and remediation before delivery
- Designate a vendor point of contact for accessibility
- Define exceptions or alternatives
- Allow testing and reject non-compliant work

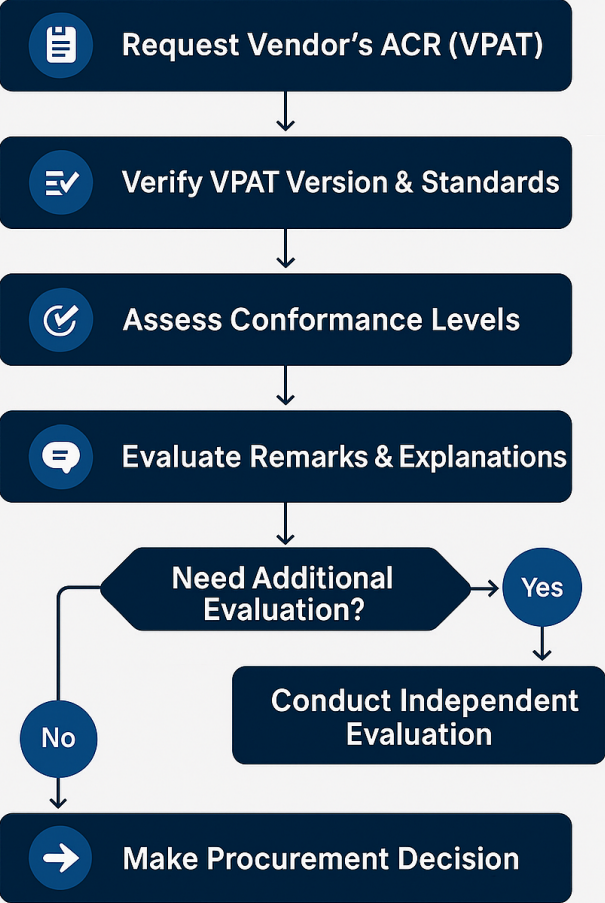


Tools & Resources

Help for Procurement Teams

- Section 508.gov
- NM Digital Accessibility Plan:
Appendix D
- TPGi VPAT 101 Video

VPAT Review Process



Thank You and Questions

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