Rule Statement

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is committed to providing a working, learning and service environment that affords equal access and opportunity to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities in compliance with federal and state law. Consistent with this commitment, the University strives to provide electronic and information resources (EIR) that are accessible to all authorized users and that meet the requirements of the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR).

Reason for Rule

This Rule implements the requirements of System Regulation 29.01.04 Accessibility of Electronic and Information Resources.

Official Procedures and Responsibilities

1. COMPLIANCE

1.1 All faculty and staff will comply with Texas Administrative Codes (TAC) 206 and 213, this Rule and related procedures in the development, procurement, maintenance, or use of EIR. Any request for an exception to DIR Accessibility Rules must be submitted to the PVAMU Accessibility Coordinator for review and processing.

2. COMPLIANCE PLAN

2.1 The Accessibility Coordinator will manage an EIR Accessibility Implementation Plan by which EIR will be brought into compliance with TAC 206 and 213.

2.2 The Accessibility Coordinator will oversee and provide training on compliance with DIR Accessibility Rules, this Rule and related procedures.

3. EXCEPTIONS

3.1 The Accessibility Coordinator will review requests for exceptions to DIR Accessibility Rules, make determinations regarding requests, ensure that requests meet the requirements for an exception, and forward requests to the Information Resources Manager (IRM) with a recommendation regarding approval.
4. **MONITORING**

4.1 The Director of the Office of Procurement, Contracts & Reconciliations and the Accessibility Coordinator will monitor compliance with DIR Accessibility Rules, this Rule and procurement procedures related to EIR in regards to purchases made under purchasing contracts, purchase orders or procurement cards.

4.2 The Accessibility Coordinator will oversee and monitor development, support, maintenance and compliance with this Rule and University-wide compliance with DIR Accessibility Rules.

5. **SUPPORT**

5.1 The IRM and Director of the Office of Procurement, Contracts & Reconciliations will provide necessary technical support that allows the Accessibility Coordinator to fulfill his/her responsibilities under this Rule.

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**Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations and Rules**

- **Texas Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter M – Access to Electronic and Information Resources by Individuals with Disabilities**
- **Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Chapter 213, Accessibility Standards for Institutions of Higher Education**
- **Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Chapter 206, Institution of Higher Education Websites, §206.70, Accessibility**
- **System Policy 29.01 – Information Resources**
- **System Regulation 29.01.01 – Information Resources Governance**
- **System Regulation 29.01.04 – Accessibility of Electronic and Information Resources**
- **System Policy 08.01 Civil Rights Protections and Compliance**
- **System Regulation 08.01.01 Civil Rights Compliance**

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**Definitions**

**Information Resources Manager (IRM)** - person responsible to the State of Texas for management of the University's information resources. The designation of an IRM is intended to establish clear accountability for setting policy for information resources management activities, provide for greater coordination of the University's information activities, and ensure greater visibility of such activities within the University. The IRM has been given the authority and the accountability by the State of Texas to implement security policies, procedures, practice standards, and guidelines to protect the information resources of the University.
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