DRAFT
Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Technical Panel
Accessibility Architecture Work Group
Charter

Purpose	**Prepare policies and guidelines for accessibility of information systems for state government agencies and educational institutions.**
Sponsor	Christy Horn, University of Nebraska
Scope / Boundaries	Accessibility architecture provides standards for accessing information by persons who must receive it in a form that is different from the manner in which it is normally presented. This includes people with sight, hearing, mobility, or cognitive impairments. Standards, guidelines, and best practices are needed to insure that information systems will accommodate the functional limitations of individuals with disabilities to promote productivity and provide access to public information and services. The accessibility architecture must encompass hardware, software, peripherals, application development, and web sites for both internal and external uses.
Desired Goals and Outcomes	The accessibility architecture work group shall: 1. Recommend a technology access clause for state government, pursuant to LB 352 (2000); 2. Evaluate and recommend guidelines and best practices for accessibility for information systems; 3. Recommend ways to provide education and training.
Authority	This work group will make recommendations to the Technical Panel regarding policies and guidelines regarding accessibility for information systems. Decisions on proposed actions and recommendations will be determined by consensus or by vote of members.
Membership	Membership shall include the ADA/504 Compliance Officer for the University of Nebraska, the Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired, Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership, the Commission for the Deaf and hard of Hearing, and the Chief Information Officer for the State of Nebraska. The sponsor of the work group may solicit membership from other entities to provide a cross section of perspectives and information.
Reporting	The work group will report to the Technical Panel every month or as requested. Agendas, meeting minutes and team recommendations will be posted on the NITC Technical Panel web site.
Timeframe	The work group will prepare draft accessibility architecture and recommendations by _____.