The DHS Trusted Tester Training series is now available online!

The DHS Trusted Tester Training online series of courses is composed of five courses that total 55 continuous learning points (CLPs) for Federal Acquisition Certification (FAC). The series provides the opportunity to learn the importance of Section 508 conformance, applicable standards and tools used to measure conformance of applications, how to test for conformance, and requires passing a hands-on performance-based exam to demonstrate testing skills. DHS Trusted Tester certificates are provided to those who pass the final course in the series, which is the Certification Exam.

The target audience for this series includes individuals seeking the DHS Trusted Tester certificate and those who have technical responsibility to ensure Section 508 conformance.

The DHS Trusted Tester online training series is composed of:

FAC 049- What Is Section 508 and Why Is It Important to You is an introductory course on IT accessibility and Section 508 regulations- 2 CLPs (no pre-requisites required).

FAC 051- Section 508 Standards for Applications explains what and how Section 508 standards apply to software and Web applications- 4 CLPs (pre-requisite: FAC 049).

FAC 050- Section 508 Tools Installation explains what tools are required to perform Section 508 conformance testing and provides instructions for installation of those tools. IMPORTANT: testing tools MUST be installed and operational on student workstations to complete courses FTE 250 and FTE 251- 1 CLP (pre-requisite: FAC 049).

FTE 250- Section 508 Trusted Tester Training is a hands-on Web-based course that provides students with the knowledge and understanding of the tools and procedures used to test web and software applications for conformance with Section 508. The course includes interactive exercises to ensure students can apply testing skills to real world situations. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to evaluate Web and software applications as well as identify the tools, procedures, and reporting expectations required to determine Section 508 conformance- 40 CLPs (pre-requisites: FAC 049, FAC 050 and FAC 051).

FTE 251- Section 508 Trusted Tester Certification Exam is a hands-on interactive performance-based exam used to demonstrate skill in determining Section 508 conformance of software and Web applications. Students who pass this course will receive a DHS Trusted Tester certificate- 8 CLPs (pre-requisites: FAC 049, FAC 050, FAC 051 and FTE 250).

If you are interested in becoming a Trusted Tester and wish to sign up for the series of courses the instructions below will provide the information you need.

Thank you for your interest in the "**Trusted Tester Training**". To access the courses, you must complete the following steps:

1. Register for an account at: https://faitas.army.mil/faitas

    **Contractors must use the following information when setting up a FAITAS

    i.   Pay Plan: CI – CONTRACTOR/INDUSTRY
    ii. Pay Grade: 01
    iii. Job Series: 0CON
    iv. Position Title: Your position title
    v.   Acquisition Workforce Member: No

2. Log into your FAITAS account>"My Dashboard Page"
3. Select "Search for Training" located under the "My Training" tab
4. On the "Course Search Page" > "Search by course abbreviation"
5. Select abbreviation "FAC for the Trusted Tester Prerequisite courses and FTE for the Trusted Tester Training and Certification Exam"
6. From the list, select the following courses:
    a. **FAC049: <u>Section 508: What is It and Why is It Important to You?</u>** (This course must be completed first, and serves as a prerequisite to all other Section 508 courses.)
7. Repeat steps 2-6 to enroll in the:
    b. **FAC050: <u>Section 508 Tools Installation</u>**
    c. **FAC051: <u>Section 508 Standards for Applications</u>**
    d. **FTE250: <u>Section 508 Trusted Tester Training</u>**
    e. **FTE251: <u>Section 508 Trusted Tester Certification Exam</u>**

NOTE: Your federal supervisor (COR for federal contractors) ***must*** have a FAITAS account ***PRIOR*** to creating a student account. The enrollment and approval process is controlled by (DAU) and may take additional hours outside the actual course time. Once successfully enrolled in a course, an "Enrollment Notification" email is sent from DAU with directions for accessing the course. You must complete all the lessons, pass the course exam and complete the course survey to receive a certificate of completion and continuing learning points (CLPs).

IMPORTANT: You must have access to a workstation that meets Defense Acquisition University (DAU) requirements. Without a properly configured workstation, the online courses will not be operable.