

process, and share lessons learned and best practices. *For example:*

- The BuyAccessible Wizard, <http://www.buyaccessible.gov>, helps build compliant requirements and solicitations;

- The Quick Links site, <https://app.buyaccessible.gov/baw/KwikLinksMain.jsp>, provides pre-packaged Section 508 solicitation documents;

- The BuyAccessible Products and Services Directory, <https://app.buyaccessible.gov/DataCenter/> provides a registry of companies and accessibility information about their offerings; and

- The Accessibility Forum 2.0 blog <http://buyaccessible.net/blog/> provides a venue where stakeholders may share ideas and success stories, or engage in conversations on improving accessibility.

*The OMB has directed that several actions be taken to improve Section 508 performance:*

- By Mid-January 2011, OMB required the GSA Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP) to provide updated guidance on making government EIT accessible. This guidance built upon existing resources to address challenges, increase oversight, and reduce costs associated with acquiring and managing EIT solutions that are not accessible.

- By Mid-January 2011, OMB required the GSA OGP to update its general Section 508 training to offer refreshed continuous learning modules that can be used by contracting officers, program/project managers (especially those managing EIT programs), and contracting officer technical representatives (COTRs) as they fulfill their Federal Acquisition Certification requirements.

- In March 2011, the GSA OGP and the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a survey to allow agencies to assess their implementation of Section 508, including accessibility of websites and other technology used by the agencies. DOJ will use this information in preparing its next assessment of agency compliance as required by the Rehabilitation Act. The CIOC Accessibility Committee will also use this information to identify best practices and lessons learned.

- In the spring of 2011, the DOJ will issue a progress report on Federal agency compliance with Section 508, the first since 2004. Going forward, DOJ will meet its obligation to issue a report biennially.

- Beginning in FY 2011, the GSA OGP began providing OMB a quarterly summary report containing results of Section 508 reviews of a sample of

solicitations posted on FedBizOpps.gov. GSA will provide the agencies a summary of the sampling results to facilitate sharing of best practices and successes, and to address common challenges.

This listening session will focus on what other steps the Federal government can take to increase the accessibility and usability of government information and data for persons with disabilities.

*Specific input from private industry is sought for the following questions:*

- How can the Federal government attract wider support from the greater information technology (IT) community in accessibility and assistive technology (AT)?

- What is private industry doing to implement IT accessibility that the Federal government should follow?

- From the perspective of vendors, how can implementation of Section 508 be improved?

- What could the Federal government ask for that would allow vendors to better show that their products meet accessibility needs?

- What support do newly emerging technology companies need to build in accessibility in the product and service offerings?

*General input is sought on the following questions:*

- What can the Federal government do to use technology better or in new ways?

- What can the Federal government do to make technology more accessible?

- What emerging technologies does the Federal government use that you cannot?

- What technologies should the Federal government use that would enhance your interactions with the Federal government?

- What are state and local governments doing to implement information technology IT accessibility that the Federal government should follow?

- What is academia doing to implement IT accessibility that the Federal government should follow?

- What can the Federal government do to influence technology accessibility?

- What can the Federal government do to support the availability of effective Communities of Practice on IT accessibility?

- Do you believe the IT industry would benefit from a professional certification or credential that denotes a company's expertise in accessibility? How could that be implemented and managed, and should the government play a role in making that happen?

Feedback from the listening session will be used by, and shared across,

agencies to improve accessibility and usability.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Culturally Significant Object Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "Portrait of a Man"

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, I hereby determine that the object to be included in the exhibition "Portrait of a Man", imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, is of cultural significance. The object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about June 1, 2011, until on or about December 31, 2016, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit object, contact Kevin M. Gleeson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: (202) 632-6473). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, Suite 5H03, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

**Ann Stock,**

*Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Overseas Schools Advisory Council Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold