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MEMORANDUM FOR CAARNG Headquarters, 10601 Bear Hollow Creek Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

SUBJECT: CalGuard Web Content Accessibility Recertification

- 1. References:
 - a. California Assembly Bill Number 434 (AB 434)
 - b. California Government Code (GOV) 11546.7
 - c. W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2
- d. California Department of Technology (CDT) IT Accessibility Resource Guide, SIMM Section 25A & B, dated July 2025
 - e. California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Web Accessibility Tool Kit
 - f. SAM 4833, Information Technology Accessibility Policy
 - g. SAM 4833.1, Exceptions to Accessibility
- 2. Background: AB 434 was approved on October 14, 2017, and became law, effective January 1, 2018 (GOV 11546.7). GOV 11546.7 states that before July 1, 2019, and before July 1 biennially thereafter, the director and Chief Information Officer (CIO) of each state agency or entity shall sign and post on their public website a certification stating that the website is in compliance with Sections 5740 and 11135 and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 (or later version) published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) at a minimum Level AA success criteria.
- 3. The California Military Department (CMD) public-facing website (www.calguard.ca.gov, AKA CalGuard) is administered and maintained in three (3) areas of responsibility:
- a. Site Design, which includes the schemas, overall layout, and major formatting options. CDT is responsible for the CalGuard site design framework. The CMD has limited permissions to administer the CalGuard site, by CDT design.
- b. Page Creation, which includes selecting the layout for and the creation of pages. The CMD State Network Team (SNT) is responsible for page creation and serves as a content advisor.

- c. Content, which includes text, documents, links, photos, videos, alternate text, etc. The respective page owner (i.e. Directorate, unit, etc.) must assign a CalGuard administrator. This administrator is responsible for all page content with oversight and recommendations provided by SNT serving as content advisor.
- 4. SNT has provided, and content owners received, AB 434 compliance training, instruction, and templates. Content owners have validated that content posted on www.calguard.ca.gov serves a business need and SNT has verified content compliance.
- 5. Content on the CMD's public-facing website (www.calguard.ca.gov), meets or exceeds the W3C Level AA success criteria for web accessibility as directed in GOV 11546.7.
- 6. The point of contact for this memorandum is Mrs. Rita Eames, IT Manager I, Business Applications at rita.eames@cmd.ca.gov, or 916-666-2684.

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