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Clemson takes on Section 508 and Web accessibility

With more students with disabilities considering enrolling in college and visiting institutional Web sites, it's critical that institutions take into consideration Web accessibility issues. This will help them remain in compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

That's why **Clemson University** recently signed on with **HiSoftware**, a company that, among other things, offers Web regulatory compliance help to colleges and universities.

The university will implement HiSoftware's AccVerify, AccRepair and Hi-Caption Studio to create and manage Web accessibility standards across the institution's Web site.

If you're looking for a way to ensure your institution's Web site and all online content is accessible to students

with disabilities, this may be a solution worth considering.

Prior to signing on with the company, college administrators were testing for accessibility issues manually by reviewing one page at a time, said **Carla Rathbone**, director of educational technology services and distance education, in a statement.

Another issue was that not all of the content owners had the ability to make the necessary accessibility fixes on their own, she said.

HiSoftware's accessibility testing and repair solutions remedy the problem, allowing individual content developers to fix accessibility issues with minimal technology experience required.

This is particularly important because the university allows everyone on campus to have their own Web space. ■