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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

The Accessibility Conformance Evaluation (ACE) tool helps obtain valuable accessibility compliance information. The tool's advanced search functionality allows access to listings of compliant Electronic and Information Resources (EIR}, vendor-completed Voluntary Product Assembly Templates (VPATs) for specific products, and approved, campuswide accessibility exceptions. More information can be found at itaccessibility.tamu.edu/procurement/faqs.php

The Division of IT is developing a new set of cloud-based resources using Amazon AWS for researchers with regulated data known as STAR (Secure Technologies for Aggie Researchers). STAR will meet compliance requirements for HIPAA, FERPA, and NIST regulated data by offering preconfigured EC2 (compute) and S3, Elastic Block Store, and Elastic File Share (storage) objects for researchers in Texas A&M Health and Texas A&M. A pilot group of principal investigators is forming to begin evaluating the initial compute and storage offerings that will go live on July 20, 2020. Later iterations of the platform will include options for machine learning, data science and analytics, internet of things, and serverless compute resources. Additional announcements and presentations will be provided in the coming weeks as the environment reaches completion. Contact Dr. Joshua Kissee, Director of IT for Texas A&M Health, or Brad Thornton, Research Technologies Manager, for more information.

PROJECT PROGRESS

To introduce campus to Azure, part of the Aggie Innovation Platform, Microsoft is offering a virtual event on Thursday, June 4 at 9 a.m. Attendees will learn how to request and gain access to Azure, compliance and security management, and an overview of fundamental services. [Registration](#) for the event is now open.

The Division of IT has entered a three-year agreement with Qualtrics for the use of its survey software. The agreement runs through December 31, 2022.

The Division of IT's Change Management process completed a continuous service improvement cycle with the third-version implementation on March 17, 2020. V3 includes an improved Risk Assessment and new approval requirements for internal change requests. Additionally, a new customer stakeholder group has been created to foster better collaboration and planning for changes that affect the campus community.

The Texas Apiary Inspection Service will soon launch the beekeeper portal, TAIS administration portal and mobile inspection app with the Division of IT. The app allows inspectors to access beekeeper information and enter notes and results. Beekeepers can create an account with the online portal to access information regarding their apiary. When launched, the site will be at [taispermits.tamu.edu](#)

Code Maroon will switch to a new vendor named AppArmor this fall. The AppArmor system includes a new desktop client application for Windows and Mac. Installation instructions will be provided with the app. No other installations for the new system are expected. More details on the system and new features will be provided at [codemaroon.tamu.edu](#).

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