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Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc. provides evaluation services for accessibility compliance

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Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc. was established in 1992, and has been providing evaluation services in all areas of access and physical requirements as mandated by law. As accessible design professionals with many years of experience in their respective fields, the staff at Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc. is able to guide its clients through often difficult decisions and provide cost effective solutions in meeting the various accessibility codes and standards. With constantly changing legislation being passed addressing accessibility to persons with disabilities, it is difficult for even the most efficient developers, designers, or facility managers to be aware of the most recent standards and requirements as they apply to a project.

Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc. makes it their business to know what standards apply. They also advise which requirements must be satisfied and how available resources may be applied to a successful project, satisfying public access issues and assuring all available benefits accrue to our client.

Accessibility Planning & Consulting Inc. helps governmental agencies, property owners, facilities and property managers, project planners and developers, architects, engineers, contractors, community planners, and commercial lending institutions provide fair and equitable access, in compliance with federal, state, and local codes and ordinances.

Bruce Clark, the principal and owner of Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc., has been in the business of accessible laws and standards for over 20 years. He has served as an expert in defense of complaints on civil litigation in U.S. District Court. As a disabled veteran, Bruce has lectured on accessible design at the University of Hawaii and presented several papers at National Conferences throughout the United States and Guam on cost effective compliance under the ADA.

The key personnel at Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc. are Certified Accessibility Inspectors and Plans Examiners through the International Code Council. The knowledgeable staff advises on which requirements must be satisfied and how available resources may be applied to a successful project, satisfying public access issues and assuring all available benefits accrue to their clients.

Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc. offers evaluation services in all areas of access and design requirements as mandated by law including on-site surveys; design plans evaluation; implementation plans; and program access issues. Their experience includes in-the-field evaluation and problem resolution in the areas of government facilities and programs, retail/commercial properties, schools, libraries, day care facilities, cultural and entertainment venues, leisure and tourist destinations including hotel/resort properties, single and multi-family residences, and

situations combining multiple access definitions in a single venue.

Under existing and pending legislation this early planning is vital, since failure to comply may incur heavy legal expenses, fines, damage awards to individuals and even restrictions of use of facilities. Additional benefits include specific tax relief under IRS Rules, an increased and broader base of qualified clients, expanded business clientele, positive public recognition and increased property value for well planned and executed facilities.

As the population ages, and more Americans enter the workplace, the commercial market and public access issues will become a major factor in the design and construction of all facilities. This process, while confusing and potentially difficult at the onset, strengthens the economy and social fabric of America. Open access and new supportive technology enable Americans previously restricted by architectural barriers to actively participate in the economic system as productive wage and salary earning citizens. History has proven these competent and willing employees are a valuable and loyal asset to employers' nationwide and increased access and adapted employment will only enhance the innovation and productivity of the American marketplace. Growing access to social and cultural events and venues widens the horizons of those who have been denied participation because of physical and perceptual barriers. Independent access enriches us all by active participation in business, politics, entertainment and the arts.

The consulting services provided by the professionals at Accessibility Planning & Consulting, Inc. can help you in the planning and design of your buildings, facilities, programs, and services for compliance with the most recent requirements.

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