**SAMPLE/ DRAFT**

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT

*Note: Please contact the UNICEF Disability Section NYHQ for advice on an accessibility consultant database.*

**Requesting Section: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date/updated date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contract duration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Role: Accessibility Assessment consultant**

**Purpose of Assignment**

To undertake accessibility assessments for existing facilities or construction, to validate existing levels of accessibility and to provide recommendations for where further work is needed.

To review and provide input into project concepts and proposals for construction of facilities and buildings that will build in standards for accessibility as established in the ISO standard on building construction – Accessibility and usability of the built environment – ISO 21542/2011, while complying with UNICEF’s accessibility level requirements.

Provide requirements for designing and constructing accessible buildings and facilities

1. **Background**

A qualified accessibility consultant will be able to contribute knowledge of accessibility technical specifications, best practice design options and solutions, and design requirements for people with disabilities, including people with various impairment types.

[Additional background as required]

1. **Scope of Work - the accessibility consultant will:**
2. Work with project managers, designers, architects, building and facility owners, and builders as applicable to advise on requirements for designing and constructing accessible buildings and facilities
3. Participate in the review of project concepts and design drawings with architects, designers and project staff to guide integration of accessibility requirements in line with accessibility standards
4. Conduct and coordinate assessments of existing construction and facilities
5. Undertake accessibility assessments and architectural reviews to identify barriers in existing buildings which may include a review of existing layouts and designs
6. Provide action-oriented recommendations, including a design proposal, in a concise report to address accessibility or universal design gaps for proposed and existing buildings and facilities
7. Provide cost estimates to the project in the form of a bill of quantities in line with the design.
8. Provide advice and complete other accessibility-related duties as required

**Required skills and experience:**

An accessibility consultant or expert will be familiar with accessibility code requirements to meet minimum standards and have expertise to advise how buildings and facilities can be adapted or modified to meet universal design principles where possible. An accessibility consultant will have:

* Demonstrated knowledge of international and national standards on accessible construction and universal design (including ISO 21542/2011)
* Good strategic skills and experience providing recommendations for projects at the concept stage on accessibility requirements and features
* Professional experience working on accessibility projects including reviewing construction drawings to provide design assistance and identify areas of code non-compliance in new construction or renovation projects

**Desirable skills and experience:**

* **Education:** University degree in architecture, urban design, urban studies, engineering or a related field with existing professional experiences as a professional accessibility consultant
* **Languages:** Fluent in English [and familiarity/fluency in local language(s) xxx] where the assessment will

Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply

1. **Work Schedule:**

*N.B. All deliverables must be submitted by the contractor XX and certified as adequate quality and meeting the terms of the deliverables before payments will be made.*

1. **Payment Schedule:**

1. **Supervision arrangements:**
2. **Consultant’s work plan and official travel involved:**