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INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM ACCESS AUDITORS

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India has launched the “Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)” as a nation-wide campaign for achieving universal accessibility for all citizens including persons with disabilities.

2. One of the target under the objective of enhancing the proportion of accessible government buildings under nation-wide Accessible India Campaign(AIC) is to conduct accessibility audit of 2500 buildings from 50 cities, 705 railway stations and about 25 airports of the country and converting them into fully accessible. Access Audits are an important means of ensuring accessibility and must cover all stages of the process of planning, design, construction, maintenance and monitoring and evaluation.

3. In this respect, Expression of Interest (EOI) had been floated to invite proposals from reputed and experienced NGOs/Individuals/registered societies/trusts from all over the country having adequate experience and expertise so that Access Auditors are empanelled to conduct accessibility audit of most important government buildings and prepare action plans for converting them into fully accessible buildings in a time bound manner to be monitored through a PERT Chart.

4. So far, 18 Access Auditors have been empaneled under AIC. While, this number by itself may not be sufficient to conduct access audit of above mentioned buildings and railway stations etc., in future the Campaign is going to create awareness about need for accessibility in private infrastructure also. Many private organizations and Public Sector Enterprises have already working for creating accessibility in their infrastructure. All these developments indicate need for significant number of access auditors in the country.

5. It has been observed that the concept of Access Audit is new and there are few experienced Access Auditors in the Country. Therefore, it has been decided that access audit done for public infrastructure/buildings having public utility (owned by non-govt. organizations) will also be considered to have fulfilled the criteria for conducting access audit.

6. Minimum eligibility criteria for access auditors under Accessible India Campaign will be as under:-

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- i) Minimum two years' experience and expertise of conducting accessibility audit.
- ii) Experience and expertise of conducting accessibility audit of at least 5 government buildings/public infrastructure. Access Audit done for public infrastructure/buildings having public utility (owned by non-govt. organizations) will also be considered to have fulfilled the criteria for conducting access audit.
- iii) Only such individual/organization having good track record in the field of disability sector. In case of organization, a minimum three year's standing as a registered organization in the disability sector.

Or

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- i) Individual having professional Bachelors or Master's degree in Architecture from a reputed institute with minimum 5 years of field experience.

7. Expression of interest is again invited from educational institutions/non-governmental organization/individuals/registered societies/Trusts from all over the country having adequate experience and expertise in conducting accessibility audit. They should send their applications with details of their experience and expertise with documentary support to the following address before 16th August, 2016.

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