



REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FROM CONSULTANTS

ON

ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN EKITI STATE WITH A VIEW TO PRODUCING A REPORT THAT IDENTIFIES GAPS AND RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS TOWARDS ACHIEVING ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Background

According to a journal from the Department of Quantity Surveying, Kaduna State University on Exploring the Discrimination Faced by Persons with Disability from The Design and Construction of the Nigerian Built Environment (2019), revealed that though construction professionals are aware of disability standards in the design and construction of the built environment, they still do not construct public spaces to accommodate the needs of all users by installing appropriate access facilities. This neglect/discrimination limits them from fully achieving their daily goals and aspirations.

Part(II) Section 3-8 of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act 2018 and same part and sections in the Ekiti State Disability Law 2020 clearly made provisions for access for persons with disability but duty bearers still fail to adhere to it. This include unfettered access to physical structures, access to information such as documents produced in braille format for the visually impaired and sign language interpreter in public functions and broadcast media such as television stations.

It has also been observed that most private buildings providing critical services to the citizens in Ekiti state such as banks, hotels, Motor parks, rented buildings, religious worship centers, Eateries etc also did not give consideration to PWDs in the design of their structures. This has made it so difficult for PWDs to make banking transactions leading to poverty, limited access to health facilities leading to aggravated illnesses, limited access to school premises resulting in low enrolment of students in our schools as well as increased number of out-of-school children with disabilities, inability to access decent buildings for accommodation or shops for the self-employed etc. There is therefore the need to carry out an accessibility audit of public and private structures in Ekiti towards constructive engagement with the duty bearers.

DINABI Nigeria, as part of the implementation of the “Inclusive Budgeting for Accessible Facilities and Services in Ekiti State” project, is seeking to advocate for compliance with the National Disability Act in Nigeria and the Ekiti State Disability Law by realizing the rights of persons with disabilities to access public facilities and services on an equal basis with others.

As part of the project being funded by Disability Rights Fund (DRF), DINABI Nigeria is set out to carry out an accessibility audit of public facilities and services in Ekiti with a view to producing a report that identifies gaps and recommend solutions towards achieving access for persons with disabilities. This report will be produced and disseminated to serve as evidence-based advocacy material. DINABI Nigeria therefore seeks the service of a consultant to carry out the accessibility audit.

Consultants ToR/Scope of Work

The consultant will undertake the following assignment:

- Conduct a desk review of relevant documents, laws, policies and legal frameworks concerning accessibility of public facilities and services for persons with disabilities in Ekiti state.
- Conduct a baseline survey of accessibility of public facilities and services in the three senatorial districts in Ekiti state.
- Assess how far Ekiti has implemented both accessibility provisions of Ekiti State Disability Law and identify gaps or challenges with the implementation.
- Identify stakeholders involved in the implementation.
- Interface with Ekiti State Office for Disability Affairs, Ministry of Works and other relevant MDAs/CSOs to get information
- Make recommendations on how to improve access to public facilities and services and the implementation of Part (II) Section 3-8 of the Discrimination against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act 2018 and same part and sections in the Ekiti State Disability Law 2020.

Timeline

The consultant has a total of 15 days to deliver on the assignment.

Milestones/deliverable for the consultancy

The Consultant shall:

- Share a note on the methodology for the assessment/audit
- Develop a survey instrument
- Review relevant documents and develop tool for data collection
- Conduct the necessary audit/baseline survey
- Share a draft report with DINABI
- Participate in a validation meeting on the draft report
- Send in the final report after reflecting feedback from DINABI and participants at the validation meeting.

Expertise required for the Consultancy

The consultants shall have:

- Minimum of first degree in relevant fields
- Minimum of five years' experience in development work with clear understanding of concept of disability and accessibility.
- Experience in similar assignment will be an added advantage.

- Must have clear understanding of various disability legal frameworks in Nigeria and globally.
- Detail-oriented; demonstrated ability to multi-task and meet client deadlines
- PWDs are encouraged to apply.

Contract

DINABI will enter into contract with the consultant to signal the commencement of the work which will terminate on completion of the assignment based on agreed timelines.

Budget

Alongside the application, the consultant is expected to submit a detailed budget towards achieving success of the exercise.

Submission of Expression of Interest

Consultants are invited to express interest by submitting their detailed CVs to dinabinigeria@gmail.com (copy info@dinabing.org) latest by COB on 7th September, 2022 with their SURNAME & EOI as subject (e.g OLAJIDE 2022 EOI).

Only the consultant selected for the assignment shall be contacted by DINABI Nigeria on or before 9th September, 2022 and the exercise is expected to commence immediately after contract signing.

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