

HTF Supportive Housing - Appendix AA

SC Housing Accessibility Consultant Qualifications Statement

A Qualified Accessibility Consultant is any individual who possess the required knowledge to inspect multifamily and single-family properties for compliance with all federal, state and SC Housing accessibility requirements that meet the following experience requirements and qualifications:

1. The Consultant will perform tasks necessary to review HTF and/or other SC Housing federally funded properties for compliance with federal, state, and SC Housing accessibility laws and requirements, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Title II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and all applicable compliance standards.
 - b. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and all applicable compliance standards.
 - c. The Fair Housing Act and all applicable compliance standards.
 - d. The requirements of the 2022 HTF Supportive Housing Application Manual applicable to the Project and the SC Housing **Supportive Housing Appendix B**, Rehabilitation Construction Repair Standards, and **Supportive Housing Appendix C**, New Construction Standards.
 - e. Any other accessibility laws and regulations applicable to the project.
2. Consultant cannot be a member of the Project Team nor have a Conflict of Interest or Identity of Interest with any member of the Project Team.
3. Consultant has the capacity to render a high-quality report in accordance with the instructions and requirements set forth in the SC Housing Certification of Minimum Scope and Reporting Standards.
4. Consultant has no less than five (5) years of experience performing accessibility compliance assessments for affordable rental housing projects.
5. Consultant is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment or suspension, declared ineligible or excluded from participation by any state or federal department, agency, or program.
6. Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable laws, including, but not, limited to federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations, ordinances, rules and orders, including all laws concerning fair housing and equal opportunity that protect individuals and groups against discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, or sex.
7. Consultant agrees to comply with the SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act, Title 8, Chapter 14 of the S.C. Code, and any other applicable state or federal immigration laws. Consultant must be registered with and using E-Verify.
8. Consultant agrees to comply with Drug Free Workplace requirements:
 - a. If Consultant is an individual, he or she must not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale distribution, dispensation, possession or use of controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of accessibility compliance services.
 - b. If Consultant is an entity other than an individual, the entity certifies that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the Consultant's employees during the performance of accessibility compliance services.
9. Consultant shall carry the minimum insurance coverage as required by current industry standards. The project owner who contracts with Consultant will bear the responsibility of verifying the insurance coverage and determining its adequacy.

Certification Statement: Consultant agrees to comply with all requirements as stated above.

Company Name: _____

Consultant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Executed copy to be included with each report.