

**Expression of Interest**

**Accessibility Standards Consultant**

**Project: Pacific Regional Disability Accessibility Standards & Enforcement Guidelines for the Built Environment, Transport, and Information & Communications**

This is a joint initiative between PIFS and PDF under the Pacific Regional Framework for Persons with Disabilities (PFRPD).

**The main purpose of this Consultancy is to:**

* Develop the Pacific Regional Disability Accessibility Standards and Enforcement Guidelines for the Built Environment. The intention is for these Standards and Guidelines to be utilised as a reference by Pacific countries to guide the development of national standards and guidelines or used in the absence of national standard guidelines.

The standards and guidelines will inform the development of a broader framework for the enforcement of accessibility standards in the Pacific, and the future development of accessibility standards that apply to transport and information, communications and technology (ICT).

**Objectives:**

* Identification of examples of best practice accessibility standards relating to the built environment, transport and information and communications (including ICT) appropriate for further adaptation and contextualisation for Pacific Island Countries.
* Development of accessibility standards for the built environment relevant to Pacific context in consultation with DPOs and key national stakeholders that can be used as a benchmark for national adaptation.
* Development of guidelines to support national governments in implementing and enforcing accessibility standards for the built environment and establishing enforcement mechanisms.

**Timeline-** 40-45 workingdays (Monday – Friday) between 30 September 2020 and 30 March 2021.

**Designated Office-** Home Based/virtual

**Key Deliverables**

The Accessibility Standards Consultant is expected to produce two key outputs at the end of the Consultancy:

1. Report on the Consultancy
2. Validated and finalised Pacific Regional Disability Accessibility Standards and Enforcement Guidelines for the Built Environment.

In the course of the Consultancy, the following actions are expected to deliver the key outputs:

* Develop the initial set of standards and guidelines for national enforcement mechanisms related to the built environment including best practice examples globally and within the Pacific.
* Work with a team of review panel
* Develop the plan and facilitate validation workshop(s) with key relevant stakeholders (national and regional)
* Revise and finalize the Accessibility standards and guidelines
* Work collaboratively with the assigned PDF Officer and a small team of persons with diverse disabilities
* Report directly to a Project management team consisting of PDF and PIFS.
* Other deliverables as required and agreed to with the Project Management team.

**EOIs welcomed from individual consultants or a team of consultancies with experience and expertise in the fields specified**.

**Qualifications:**

 **Degree/ Postgraduate in:**

* Architecture, planning, urban design, engineering, or related field; or
* Public policy and law

**Knowledge and Experience:**

* Technical expertise and at least 5 years in developing universal design and accessibility standards for built environment,
* Understanding of the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in particular Article 9 and its linkages with other Articles of the Convention
* Experience working with government in policy planning and/or implementation
* Experience working with organisations of people with disabilities
* Experience working in the Pacific region
* Understanding of and experience in universal design and accessibility standards related to transport and/or information and communications would also be desirable

**Application process:**

1. EOI Proposal of a maximum of 5 pages detailing approach and plan, and indicative budget for the consultancy. The Proposal needs to outline relevant experience as outline in the “Knowledge and Experience” section above.

1. CV (of all individuals if a team application) including the names and contact details of 3 professional referees.

All applications must be emailed to: Mereoni.Daveta@pacificdisability.org with the subject ‘Accessibility Standards Consultancy – Pacific Disability Forum’

Applications close on September 15 2020