2014 LOW VISION DESIGN COMMITTEE SYMPOSIUM
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U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT OF 1968 (ABA)

- STATUTORY REQUIREMENT.
- GSA, DOD, USPS AND HUD
- 1969 - GSA ADOPTED ANSI A117.1
- 1984 - GSA, DOD, USPS AND HUD PUBLISHED UNIFORM FEDERAL ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS (UFAS)
- 2006 – GSA ADOPTED ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD (ABAAS)
GSA’S NATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM

- NATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER
- 11 REGIONAL ACCESSIBILITY OFFICERS
- AGENCY GOAL:
  INCORPORATING ACCESSIBLE DESIGN REQUIRED
  BY THE ABA FULLY INTO DESIGN EXCELLENCE.
“.... I am really happy to report that the new courthouse provides excellent access for the handicapped, beyond what I could have imagined or hoped for.

The new courthouse is an architectural masterpiece which was constructed with the highest regard for ensuring that the handicapped have full and unimpeded access....”

November 9, 2012 from Michael Burke, Attorney, to The Honorable Barry Moskowitz, Chief Judge of District Court for the new San Diego U.S. Courthouse Annex:
ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER, LEASE
NEW YORK, NY
GSA’S NATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM

- NEW ACCESSIBILITY DESK GUIDE IN EARLY 2014
- INTEGRATED DESIGN REVIEWS

U.S. LAND PORT OF ENTRY
VAN BUREN, ME
LOW VISION ACCESSIBILITY KNOWLEDGE

- SEPT 2013 - NFPA/TUD study
  - GSA’s Headquarters used for study
  - Successfully met the goals
    - Increasing data on evacuation characteristics
    - Knowledge on the evacuation of heterogeneous groups
    - Increasing safety for people with visual impairments
  - Study results will be available to NFPA and other code development organizations
- 2014 National Survey on Emergency Egress for Persons with Disabilities
Competitive Behaviour
(notice arm of the right person)
NIBS LOW VISION DESIGN COMMITTEE (LVDC)

STATUS OF DRAFT GUIDANCE:

• GUIDELINES ARE IN FINAL DRAFT AND WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW ON THE NIBS WEBSITE THIS YEAR.

• INCORPORATE GUIDANCE IN GSA’S P-100 (FACILITIES STANDARDS FOR THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE)

• 2018 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

• FACILITY GUIDELINES INSTITUTE (FGI)

  2014 GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL HEALTH, CARE, AND SUPPORT FACILITIES
QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

US COURTHOUSE
SAN DIEGO, CA
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