



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Disabilities Commission

February 9, 2023

Re: City Staff ADA Training, National ADA Symposium

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

This letter is written on behalf of the Columbia Disabilities Commission in regards to a staff training opportunity in accessibility and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Commission strongly encourages City Management and all City Department Directors to send appropriate staff to the 2023 National ADA Symposium in Kansas City from May 22 through May 24.

The National ADA Symposium is the most comprehensive in-person training conference available on the ADA. It provides the latest information and best practices on accessibility ideas around the country, with input from U.S. DOJ, US Access Board, EEOC and thousands of professionals and advocates. This year, the symposium offers 91 sessions on a variety of topics including Employment, Web Accessibility, Accessible Facilities, Law Enforcement, Sidewalks, Emergency Preparedness, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Building Codes, Digital Communications and Digital Accessibility, Housing and more.

The deadline to register is May 1. The cost for the conference is a \$750 registration fee per person plus travel and hotel.

Improving accessibility in all City programs, services and activities is consistent with the City's Mission Statement and Strategic Plan Objectives. We hope the City will take advantage of this premier training opportunity happening in Missouri.

Sincerely,

Columbia Disabilities Commission

Enclosed: Symposium Agenda