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City Hall Seeks Consumer Run Organization for ADA Accessibility Assessment

COLUMBIA (June 15th, 2013) – City Hall has reached out to Able South Carolina to perform an accessibility assessment, which will take place on July 29, 2013 at 9:15AM. The assessment will identify barriers to accessibility and find solutions to meet obligations as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“Over the past three years we’ve made real progress in creating a new era of connectivity through initiatives like our complete streets policy, BPAC and projects like the Three Rivers Greenway,” said Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin. “This new partnership with Able South Carolina will help us ensure that these benefits extend to everyone including those who may have physical limitations.”

Removing barriers to accessibility allows people with disabilities the opportunity for full participation in society. “Our assessment is a great step towards building a fully accessible City. We truly appreciate the fact that the Mayor and City Council understands the value in seeking the input of people with disabilities” said Kimberly Tissot, Able SC’s Executive Director. Able SC is an organization that is led and run by people with disabilities.

City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine agrees, “Providing maximum accessibility to city facilities is necessary for all of our citizens. The accessibility assessment is very important, because it will involve a detailed look at our buildings and provides us with information that is needed in order to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to have access to their government’s resources and services.”

City Hall was built in 1870 and is the oldest government building in Columbia. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

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