**Survey to Establish Event Planner Sensitivity to the Needs of Individuals with Visual Disabilities**

You are not obligated to provide your name or contact information. If you would be willing to provide your name and contact information in case we have questions about your responses, it will allow us to follow up with you for clarification. When completed, please return the survey to Tessa McCarthy [tmccarthy4@unl.edu](mailto:tmccarthy4@unl.edu)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have a visual impairment?

Yes

No

1. Do you consider yourself blind?

Yes

No

1. How often do you travel to meetings, events, conferences, and conventions?

Not at all

Once or twice a year

Three to five times a year

More than five times a year

1. Do you usually travel to meetings, events, conferences, and conventions alone or with a companion?

Yes

No

1. If you travel with a companion, is your companion blind/visually impaired?

Yes

No

1. Do you have any additional disabilities?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe:

1. When you travel to meetings, events, conferences, and conventions, where are these events usually held? (e.g., hotel, convention center, church, other)

1. How would you rate the orientation you typically receive to the layout of the location where the event is being held?

1 (I do not receive any orientation)

2

3

4

5 (Very thorough and detailed)

1. Who typically performs this orientation to the physical layout of the location where the event is being held? (e.g., hotel staff, individuals who are members of the organization hosting the event, friends or family)

1. How would you rate the ease with which you are able to find restrooms, meeting rooms, etc when you attend these types of events?

1 (very easily)

2

3

4

5 (with great difficulty)

1. How would you rate the ease of finding individuals who are able to provide you with assistance when you need it?

1 (very easily)

2

3

4

5 (with great difficulty)

1. When you seek assistance, who typically provides this assistance? (e.g., hotel staff, individuals who are members of the organization hosting the event, friends or family)

1. How would you rate the knowledge of individuals who provide assistance about providing assistance to individuals who are blind or visually impaired?

1 (very little knowledge)

2

3

4

5 (a lot of knowledge)

1. How would you rate the comfort level of individuals who provide assistance about providing assistance to individuals who are blind or visually impaired?

1 (very uncomfortable)

2

3

4

5 (very comfortable)

1. How would you rate the ease with which you typically can find places to eat while attending meetings and events?

1 (with great difficulty)

2

3

4

5 (with great ease)

1. How would you rate the accessibility of eateries (e.g., braille menus, etc) while attending meetings and events?

1 (not at all accessible)

2

3

4

5 (very accessible)

1. Would you like to tell us about any particularly positive experiences?

1. Would you like to tell us about any particularly negative experiences?

1. If 1 is a terrible meeting/event experience and five is a perfect meeting/event experience, where would you rate most of your meeting/event experiences?

1 (terrible meeting/event)

2

3

4

5 (perfect meeting/event)

1. If you had the opportunity to talk to someone who plans meetings and events for a living, what would you ask them to consider in their efforts to make events/meetings more accessible for individuals who are blind or visually impaired?

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