



## CAIP Innovative Attitude Change Project Proposal - Advancing Access and Inclusion

<b>Project Title:</b> <b>The Canadian Universal Design Network</b>
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<b>Sector Targeted for Attitude Change:</b> xxxxx <input type="checkbox"/> Employers, <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (preschool – Grade 12), XXXX <input type="checkbox"/> Community (geographic community or community of interest) <b>Architect, Engineer, city planners, and contractor businesses</b>
<b>Specific Audience To Be Reached:</b> <b>Universities, Colleges, Companies and Businesses involved with the built environment across Canada</b>
<b>Specific Attitude To Be Established:</b> <b>Universal Design</b>
<b>Geographic Reach:</b> <b>Canadian</b>
<b>Project Description Summary:</b>  <p>A Center of Excellence where universities and colleges can inspire and educate students and businesses to share ideas, best practices, and resources on achieving Universal Design through a collaborative membership driven network. The Canadian Government will need to lead by example on inspiring how Canadian businesses must be supporting barrier free universal design and how barrier free universal design benefits everyone. As a compliment to RHF’s Certification Program on built environment, this initiative will bring together architects, city planners, engineers, and other relevant stakeholders through Colleges and Universities to demonstrate how barrier free universal design is possible. Universities and Colleges will lead this work collaboratively to develop e-tools with students and recruited business members in this space to demonstrate options of barrier free universal design.</p> <p>This platform will be web based for all to access with relevant resources, education tools, and success stories. It will be promoted as a one-stop-shop for the country and as a best practice. This network will serve as the Canadian Government’s resource for built environment across Canada and tool for all education institutions across Canada to be used in class room settings. Ultimately, this will be used by businesses involved with built environment to change behaviors and attitudes on barrier free universal design across Canada</p>
<b>Project Outcomes:</b> <b>A One-Stop-Shop Network on Accessing Barrier Free Universal Design</b>
<b>Project Lead and Partners:</b> <b>Colleges and Universities</b>