

# ACCESS ALERT

## ***US Access Board issues ADA-ABA Comparison***

The United States Access Board has issued a side-by-side comparison of:

1. 2004 ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) (already adopted as enforceable by GSA and USPS)
2. 1991 ADA Standards (commonly referred to as "ADAAG," these are the enforceable, accessible design standards for ADA compliance in most non-federal buildings)
3. International Code Council (ICC) 2003 *International Building Code* and 2004 Supplement (referencing ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003)

You can download a word or PDF copy (500 pages) of the comparison from the US Access Board web site

(<http://www.access-board.gov/ada-aba/comparison/index.htm>).

This side-by-side comparison is arranged and ordered according to the format and sequence of the 'new,' 2004 ADAAG. Provisions of the 1991 ADA Standards are provided alongside corresponding sections of the new ADAAG. The Department of Justice is in the process of updating its ADA standards according to the new ADAAG.

KMA offers a seminar that summarizes the changes in ADAAG and the recent amendments to 521 CMR. For more information, contact Katie McGuinness ([kmcguinness@kmaccess.com](mailto:kmcguinness@kmaccess.com)).

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