

# New England Center

October, 2013

## IHCD Presents Socially Sustainable Design Symposium at the ArchitectureBoston Expo. Register by October 31 for Discounts

The Institute for Human Centered Design (IHCD) is sponsoring the annual Socially Sustainable Design Symposium at the ArchitectureBoston Expo on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Kathy Gips, Director of Training and Technical Assistance at the New England ADA Center, will present ADA updates. [Learn more about the Socially Sustainable Design and New England ADA Center sessions.](#)

[Register](#) for workshops by October 31 to enjoy significant discounts.

Registration for the exhibit hall is free through October 31.



## Maine's Alpha One launches the "One in Five" Podcast!

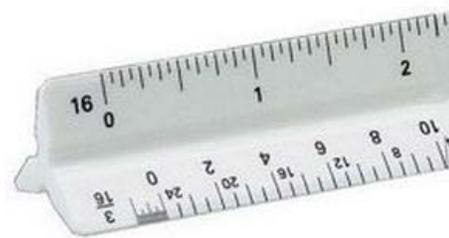
Alpha One has launched the "One in Five" podcast; a magazine-style show dedicated to covering news and issues impacting the one in five Maine citizens living with a disability. The first episode focuses on Maine's recently revamped non-emergency transportation system.



[Download the first episode](#). Click the "View in iTunes" link and then "subscribe" to receive future episodes.

## Architectural Plan Reading Workshop in Boston on Wednesday, December 11

Would you like to learn how to read an architectural plan? Join us for a free workshop at the Institute for Human Centered Design (IHCD) on December 11, 2013.



[Learn more and register for the workshop](#).

## New Hampshire Employers Acknowledged for Excellence in Employment Leadership

The Employment Leadership Awards are cosponsored by the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities and New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation. The employers honored included Dyn, Inc., Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Chunky's Cinema Pub in Nashua, and Kendal at Hanover Dining Services.



[Learn more about the award-winning employers](#).

## Promoting Access and Accommodation to Persons with disAbilities in Danbury Connecticut

The Commission for Persons with DisAbilities in Danbury, Connecticut honored the Danbury Fair Mall Carousel with an award for access and accommodation to people with disAbilities.

The carousel provides free rides to individuals with disAbilities, and its operators assist individuals with physical disAbilities to get on the carousel.



[Read the full announcement.](#)

## Changes at a Connecticut Grocery Store Are Preventing Shoppers with Disabilities from Coming In

The Save A Lot grocery store on Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut has put up new gates to keep their carts from being stolen, but those gates are too narrow for wheelchairs.

"Until Monday these two bars weren't here, they added this," said Gary Wiebler, of New Britain. "It used to be this bar and that bar where I could get through."



[Read the full story.](#)

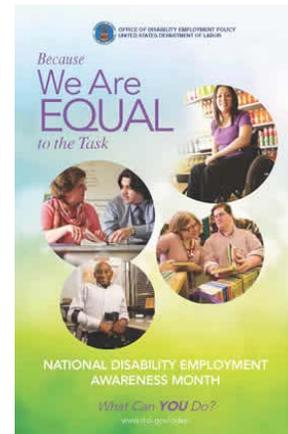
## National News

### October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The purpose is to educate the public about employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

This year's theme is, "Because We Are EQUAL to the Task."

[Learn more and spread the word by downloading a free poster in English or Spanish! Read President Obama's proclamation.](#)



## Southeast ADA Center Presents "ADA Live!" on BlogTalkRadio

*ADA Live!* is a free monthly radio show broadcast nationally on the Internet on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 1:30 PM Eastern Standard Time. Ask questions and learn about your rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Leaders in the field will share their knowledge, experience and successful strategies that increase the participation of persons with disabilities in communities and businesses.



[Learn more about ADA Live](#) and [view the event flyer](#).

## Report: 95% Of Amtrak Stations Have "Major Barriers" For Disabled

More than two decades after the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a new survey of Amtrak stations around the country claims that the overwhelming majority still fall far short of being accessible for passengers with disabilities and that some are still completely inaccessible to people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices. IHCD's Chris Hart advised on the data gathering and report.



[Read the full story.](#)

## College Students with a Disability and University Personnel Wanted for Research Study on Reasonable Accommodations

If you are a college student with a disability or university personnel at a college, there is a research study seeking your participation.

**ADA Accommodations,  
Higher Education, & You**

The purpose of the study is to get a better understanding of the perception of what the term reasonable accommodations means in higher education. This can help lawmakers when changing or creating new laws regarding accommodations.

[Learn more and take the survey.](#)

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