



## *SUNY AT BUFFALO ADA COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT*

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**Owner:**

*State University Construction Fund*

**Location:**

*City of Buffalo and Town of Amherst,  
Erie County*

**Completion Date:**

*June 2004*

**Construction Cost**

*\$16,000,000*

**Services:**

- *Mechanical Engineering*
- *Electrical Engineering*
- *Civil Engineering*

The State University of New York at Buffalo campus facilities consist of over 8,600,000 square feet, among 120 separate buildings and two campuses. There are 15 separate student housing complexes, incorporating 1,600,000 square feet of floor area. The facilities vary in age, some over 100 years old. Many have not been modified to be fully accessible to the handicapped.

SUCF engaged Watts Engineers, as part of a professional team, to survey all 8.6 million square feet of both UB campuses to develop and inventory all spaces, equipment and programs which are not fully handicapped accessible.

Watts Engineers personnel served on four separate survey teams in order to accomplish this task. The requirements of ANSI A117.1 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) formed the basis for inaccessibility requirements and standards. A comprehensive report, completed during the Spring of 2004, documented all exceptions and provided concept level recommendations to make all spaces accessible to the handicapped.