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Checklist for Universal Design in the Workplace

1. Organizational Commitment

- O Does our leadership endorse Universal Design (UD) as a core strategic value?
- O Is UD embedded into company values, mission, or DEIA strategy?
- O Do we track KPIs tied to accessibility and inclusion in product/service delivery?

2. Policy & Procurement

- O Are accessibility and UD requirements embedded into procurement policies?
- O Do all vendor contracts include inclusive design clauses?
- O Have we adopted recognized UD frameworks (e.g., WCAG, above and beyond ADA, ISO 9241)?

3. Workforce & Training

- O Do all employees, including leadership, receive training on disability inclusion?
- O Are product teams supported with resources, time, and incentives to build inclusively?
- O Do recruitment through retirement processes follow inclusive and accessible best practices?

4. Digital & Physical Environments

- O Are our digital products thoroughly tested with assistive technologies?
- O Are buildings and office spaces above and beyond ADA minimums?
- O Do we support hybrid work inclusively (e.g., captions, flexible scheduling)

5. Customer & User Experience

- O Are customer feedback loops inclusive and accessible to all users, with clear SLAs on resolving any accessibility issues?
- O Do we involve people with diverse abilities in product testing and research?
- O Are Customer Experience staff trained in accessible customer support?

6. Risk, Compliance & Brand

- O Are we protected against legal risk from accessibility non-compliance?
- O Do we understand the reputational risk of exclusion or inaccessibility?
- O Are we leveraging inclusive design as a market differentiator?