106 Essentials Course: Providence, RI

"The Section 106 Essentials" course will be held on Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13, 2008

Important note: Classes are filled on a first come/first served basis of registrations received with payment at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). You must be confirmed by the ACHP to be admitted to class.

Registration: For individuals paying by credit card, on-line registration is available and can be accessed at http://www.achp.gov/106essentials.html#forms. For group registrations and for individuals paying by check or SF 182, registration forms must be downloaded at http://www.achp.gov/106essentials.html#forms and faxed to 202-606-5073.

Course Location and Accommodations: The course is being held at the Hotel Providence, 311 Westminster Street, RI 02903, 401-861-8000, http://www.hotelprovidence.com. Restored to preserve its turn-of-the-century New England flavor, The Hotel Providence is set within one of the most architecturally significant city neighborhoods of Rhode Island, the entire area designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

A limited block of rooms has been secured for attendees for Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 12 for the government rate of \$146 for a single occupancy plus applicable state and local tax (13%). It is recommended that you make your reservations early, as the rooms are likely to sell out. Reservations must be made by February 10, 2008. Reservations made after that date will be accepted on a space available basis at whatever rate is available at the time of the reservation. To reserve your room, call the hotel directly at 1-800-861-8990 and state that you are with the Section 106 Essentials Course and ask for the rate of \$146. If our room block is sold out, you can find additional hotels at online hotel booking websites. Searching for sites for Providence in zip code 02903 is recommended.

Traveling to Providence:

T. F. Green Airport, http://www.pvdairport.com/. (10 miles south)

Logan International Airport, http://www.massport.com/logan/default.aspx. (55 miles east)

<u>Amtrak</u>: A vital link in the Northeast Corridor is found in the heart of the Capital Centre Project, a ten-minute walk from our hotel, one mile north.

<u>RIPTA</u>: The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority provides trolley service in downtown Providence and bus service across Rhode Island. Bus service is also available for tours of the city and state or for long-distance transportation to all points.

Airport Ground Transportation:

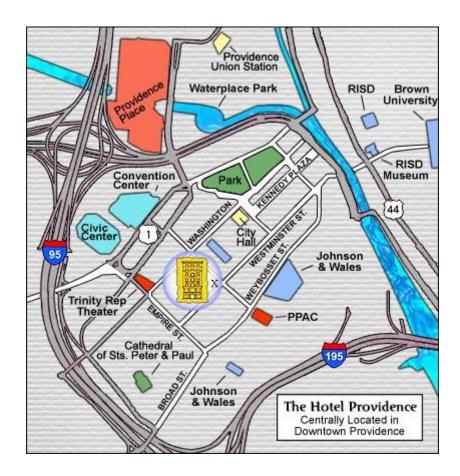
- **To/From T.F. Green Airport:** A Taxi from TF Green Airport costs approx. \$25.00 one-way. There is an Airport Shuttle Service that operates daily approximately every hour from the airport to all downtown hotels. The cost is \$11.00 one way and the pick up point is outside the arrival terminal. The service is called Airport Shuttle. Return trip arrangements can be made with the hotel Concierge Desk. Complete information on all ground transportation can be found at: http://www.pvdairport.com/mail.aspx?sec_id=59.
- To/From Logan Airport: The best options are renting a car or catching the Peter Pan Bus Lines. Go to www.peterpanbus.com for the schedule from Logan to Kennedy Plaza. Kennedy Plaza is within walking distance of the hotel. Logan to Providence (Kennedy Plaza) is currently showing \$22.00 one-way and \$40.00 return. Complete information on all ground transportation can be found at: http://www.massport.com/logan/getti typeo.html.

Directions to Hotel Providence: If using MapQuest for directions, use this address: 139 Mathewson Street, Providence.

From I-95 North or South.

- Take Exit 22A Downtown Memorial Boulevard.
- Drive straight on Memorial Boulevard through four (4) traffic lights.

- At the 5th traffic light, turn right on to Westminster Street.
- Follow Westminster Street to the corner of Mathewson Street.
- Turn right on to Mathewson Street for valet parking.



Parking Rates at Hotel: The hotel has provided us contracted reduced rates of daily valet parking rate of \$12.00 for all in house guests and \$6.00 for meeting attendees. (FYI, normal rates are \$24.00 and \$12.00)

Local Information: The Hotel Providence offers an ideal location in the heart of downtowns Arts and Entertainment District. From Providence's vibrant theatres and shopping, to its world-class educational institutions and bustling convention center, The Hotel Providence puts all the excitement of the city within short walking distance. Step outside and discover an enclave untouched by time, home to a treasure trove of late 19th century buildings. Brown University, Johnson & Wales and the Rhode Island School of Design are the esteemed learning centers whose campuses are each close to the hotel.

Registration: Registration will be located outside the Tilden Thurber Conference Room on Wednesday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. Plan to stop by the registration desk to check in and to pick up your course notebook and other course materials.

Schedule: *The Section 106 Essentials* course runs from 8:30 am to approximately 4:30 pm each day. Short breaks will be given in the morning and afternoon. There will be a break for lunch, which is on your own.

Meals: Light morning fare will be provided each morning along with an afternoon break each day. The cost of these food functions is included in the registration fee. All other meals are on your own.

Attire for Training Course: Attire for the course is casual. Also, please keep in mind that hotel meeting rooms tend to be cool, so plan to bring a sweater or jacket.

Cancellations: If made at least 14 days prior to the start of the course, registrants who cancel will receive a full refund minus a 15% processing fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations made fewer than 14 days before the start of the course; however, substitutions may be made at no cost up until three days before the course begins. All cancellations must be made in writing.

Questions: If you have any questions about logistics or the course, please contact Cindy Bienvenue at cbienvenue@achp.gov or 202-606-8521.

We have a great training course planned for you and look forward to seeing you there!