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The ACHP Announces Landmark Publication

Just released from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP): "Consultation with Indian Tribes in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook" is a groundbreaking publication containing clear guidance for the Section 106 practitioner. The handbook will help federal agencies understand tribal concerns and offers guidance on effective and efficient participation in tribal consultation. It is available to download for free at http://www.achp.gov/regs-tribes2008.pdf.

Created by the ACHP's Native American Program, this handbook provides valuable guidance for consulting with Indian tribes in those cases where a federal project may impact Native American historic properties.

Tribal consultation, which was mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its Section 106 project review process, has often been a source of confusion for both federal agencies and Indian tribes. This new handbook clarifies the federal responsibility for tribal consultation and presents a helpful and detailed road map with a step-by-step explanation of the Section 106 process.

The handbook also explains the parameters and differences with regard to consultation that relates to projects located both off—and on—tribal lands, and provides valuable and insightful tools and tips that will greatly increase the overall effectiveness of consultation with Indian tribes.

"Consultation with Indian Tribes in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook" is an essential resource, not only for federal agency personnel and state historic preservation offices, but for tribal cultural resource personnel and tribal historic preservation officers as well.

The ACHP's Native American Program, established in 1998, was formed to carry out the ACHP's Native American initiatives. The program's mission is to:

- Advise the chairman, members, and executive director on policy matters and historic preservation issues affecting Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- Provide technical assistance and outreach to Section 106 participants regarding the role of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in the Section 106 review process and the national historic preservation program.
- Participate in interagency and Native American historic preservation or related initiatives.

For more information on the ACHP's. Native American Program, see www.achp.gov/nap.html.