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Federal legislation and funding for historic preservation programs

President Obama released his budget proposal for FY 16 (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016) in February. The total for the Historic Preservation Fund is \$89.91 million, with significant increases and additions over the FY 15 appropriation of \$56.4 million. The proposal includes \$46.9 million for state programs (same as FY 15), \$10 million for tribal programs (\$1 million increase), \$500,000 for the underrepresented grant program (same as FY 15), and two new programs: \$30.5 million for a grant program related to the Civil Rights movement, and \$2.5 million for Historically Black Colleges & Universities to preserve Civil Rights movement resources. The proposed funding for National Heritage Areas, funded under the Recreation and Preservation Account, however, was reduced fifty percent to \$10.0 million.

Alaska Historical Commission notes

The next meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission will be on March 19, 2015, in Anchorage. The meeting will be at the Alaska Heritage Museum, 1st floor Wells Fargo Bank, 301 W. Northern Lights Boulevard. Commission members will consider grant requests for local historic preservation projects and for commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Alaska purchase. The agenda includes review of eight proposed names for topographic features and a nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Also, members will discuss the Council on Geographic Names Authorities meeting in late April and plans to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Alaska purchase in 2017. The time for the public to address commission members on matters relating to history, archaeology, or historic preservation is 11:30 a.m. The meeting agenda is available at www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/oha/index.htm, by calling 907.269.8721, by sending an email to oha@alaska.net, or by writing OHA at 550 West 7th Ave., #1310, Anchorage, AK 99501.

The seat for the historian is open on the Alaska Historical Commission. The appointment will be through June 30, 2015, to complete the term of Patricia Roppel who died in January. If you are interested in applying, send a letter and brief resume to Governor Bill Walker, Attention: Boards and Commissions, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1700, Anchorage Alaska 99501, fax 907.269.7461, email boards@alaska.gov. More information is at www.gov.alaska.gov/Walker/services/boards-commissions.html.

Office of History and Archaeology workshop scheduled for April 21

The annual Alaska Office of History and Archaeology workshop for agency cultural resources staff and historic preservation consultants will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage. The agenda includes presentations on HABS/HAER submission guidelines, documenting Alaska's maritime resources, updates on the AHRS inventory, and a discussion on disaster preparation and response. For an agenda and more information contact

Shina duVall, 907.269.8720 / shina.duvall@alaska.gov. To register contact Sylvia Elliott, 907.269.8724 / sylvia.elliott2@alaska.gov.

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation and the National Trust identifying endangered properties

Nominations for the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation's 2015 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska are being accepted until March 31, 2015. The group has been issuing its annual list since 1991. The list is announced in May during National Historic Preservation Week. It calls attention to significant historic properties in Alaska and advocates for their rehabilitation. The nomination form is at <http://aahp-online.net/10-most-endangered.html>. More information is available from Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation also is seeking nominations for its 2015 Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places list. The list highlights places across the country facing a range of threats, including demolition, harmful alteration, or disrepair. Nominations are accepted through March 3, 2015. For more information contact 11Most@savingplaces.org or call 202.588.6141.

Council on Geographic Names (COGNA) to meet in Anchorage

The Council on Geographic Names will meet in Anchorage April 29-May 2, 2015. Sessions are planned to explore toponymic topics and federal and state naming principles, policies, and procedures. The tentative schedule includes a workshop on Alaska Native names, presentations by members of the Yukon Geographic Names Board, and papers on a range of topics related to naming geographic features. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names is expected to hold a meeting, as well as the Alaska Historical Commission. The call for papers, tentative program, registration form, and accommodations information are on the website at <http://www.cogna50usa.org>.

International Day on Monuments and Sites

The US/ICOMOS wants historical organizations and museums to publicize the 2015 International Day on Monuments and Sites and host events calling attention to World Heritage Sites on April 18th. The day is intended to celebrate the diversity of heritage throughout the world. This year is the 70th anniversary of UNESCO (United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and the 50th anniversary of the founding of ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) and US/ICOMOS. US/ICOMOS is a nonprofit organization supporting the World Heritage program in the U.S. Both programs promote best practices in

historic site management, cultural heritage scientific research and technologies, and conservation. US/ICOMOS has set up an international calendar on its web page, www.usicomos.org, and participating organizations will get a digital kit of special logos and event suggestions. Alaska shares with British Columbia and Yukon Territory a designated World Heritage Site, Kluane/Wrangell-St. Elias/Glacier Bay/Tatshenshini-Atkasut National Parks. Possible events could be open houses, classroom visits, special tours of museums or sites, trainings, essay and art competitions, or on-line exhibits. For more information contact Andrew Potts, 202.463.1291 / apotts@usicomos.org.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation webinars

The Advisory Council is offering a series of webinars to help agencies meet their historic preservation responsibilities. Course offerings include managing confidential information, archaeological sites, property disposal and program alternatives. A complete list of course dates, program descriptions, and registration instructions is available at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html.

NPS news

NPS's Technical Preservation Services has a "preservation-by-topic" index for information available on the TPS website. The index is to online and printed information on historic preservation, cultural landscapes, and rehabilitation of historic buildings. Entries are linked to documents that are in an electronic format. The index is at <http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/by-topic.htm>.

The Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HABS, HAER, HALS) have summer employment opportunities for students to document historic properties around the country. Students work in the field and prepare measured and interpretive drawings and written historical reports. The application deadline is March 9, 2015. More information is at www.nps.gov/hdp/.

The Heritage Documentation Programs are seeking nominations for the Charles E. Peterson and Leicester B. Holland prizes. The Peterson Prize is for the best sets of architectural measured drawings produced by college students and submitted for the HABS collection at the Library of Congress. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2015. The Holland Prize is for the best single sheet drawing of a site to honor excellence in delineation and composition, and is open to both students and professionals. This award has two deadlines, May 31, 2015, for entry forms, and June 30, 2015, for completed entries. More information regarding application procedures is at www.nps.gov/hdp/.

The Historic American Landscapes Survey annual HALS Challenge is to document modernist landscapes unique to your region of the country. The deadline for the documentation is July 31, 2015. For the guidelines and digital template for the entry--a short format history—go to www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm. To discuss the program contact Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov.

Historic Preservation Education Foundation seeks preservation technology training proposals

The Partners in Training initiative of the Historic Preservation Education Foundation is accepting proposals to help provide training on technical topics associated with preservation technology. Education institutions and nonprofit organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to help with administrative tasks including event planning, registration, and online publication of materials. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2015. Additional information is at www.hpef.us or e-mail submissions@hpef.us.

Woody Island Historic Archaeological District listed in National Register

Woody Island Historic Archaeological District was added to the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's catalog of significant cultural properties, on January 27, 2015. The district near Kodiak includes sites associated with the Alutiiq people from pre-contact Ocean Bay, Kachemak, and Koniag periods, showing they lived on the island for at least 3,000 years ago. The district also has post-contact sites that have the potential to yield important information about how the Alutiiq people adapted to the American Russian Ice Company, maritime fur trade, the Baptist mission, the industrial school concept, the 1918 influenza epidemic, maritime communications, commercial fishing, and World War II military defenses. Woody Island residents left after World War II because jobs and schools were not available in the village, and the 1964 earthquake damaged buildings, the dock and the water system. The site not only represents the Alutiiq people, families that have an association with the island continue to have strong attachments to the place.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / West Susitna Surface Access Reconnaissance Study

Project information: <http://dot.alaska.gov/roadstoresources/westsusitna/index.shtml>

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Energy Authority, Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project

Project information: www.susitna-watanahydro.org/

U.S. Forest Service / Chugach National Forest Plan

Plan revision: fs.usda.gov/chugach/ Land and Resource Management

Comments: chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us

U.S. Forest Service / Tongass National Forest Sustainable Cabin Management Project

Environmental Assessment: <http://go.usa.gov/WQEk>

Contact: Victoria Houser, 907.826.1614 / vhouser@fs.fed.us

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

March 1 American Association for State and Local History: Leadership in History Awards nomination deadline (Bethany Hawkins, 615.330.3203 / Hawkins@aaahl.org)

March 2-4 National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, Washington, DC (<http://www.preservationaction.org/>)

March 2-4 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers advocacy day and annual meeting, Washington, DC (Elizabeth Hebron, 202.624.5465 / hebron@ncshpo.org)

March 3 National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2015 Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places nomination deadline (Germonique Ulmer, 202.588.6141 / 11Most@savingplaces.org)

March 3 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Preservation Compliance and Property Disposal webinar (webinar@achp.gov)

March 4-7 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Anchorage (aaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu)

March 6 Office of History and Archaeology, Certified Local Governments FY 15 second round grant deadline (Jean Ayers, 907.269.8694 / jean.ayers@alaska.gov)

March 9 National Park Service, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, Historic American Landscapes Survey student summer employment application deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/jobs)

March 18-21 Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation annual meeting 2015: Continuity and Vitality, Savannah, GA (www.ahlp.org)

March 19 Alaska Historical Commission meeting, Anchorage (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov)

March 24-28 Society for Applied Anthropology: Continuity and Change, Pittsburgh, PA (www.sfaa.net/annualmeeting)

March 25-29 American Association of Physical Anthropologists, St. Louis, MO (www.physanth.org)

March 30-April 2 National Trust for Historic Preservation: National Main Streets Conference, TEAM Main Street, Atlanta, GA (312.939.5547 / mainstreet@savingplaces.org)

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska nominations due (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

April 1 Historic Preservation Education Foundation: Partners in Training grant deadline (www.hpef.us / submissions@hpef.us)

April 13-16 Mid-Century Modern Structures' Materials and Preservation 2015 Symposium, St. Louis, MO (Mary F. Striegel, 318.356.7444 ex 224 / mary_striegel@nps.gov)

April 15-19 Society of American Archaeology: 80th annual meeting, San Francisco, CA (www.saa.org)

April 18 US/ICOMOS: International Day on Monuments and Sites (Andrew Potts, 202.463.1291 / apotts@usicomos.org)

April 21 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology workshop for agency cultural resources staff and consultants, Anchorage (Shina duVall, 907.269.8720 / shina.duvall@alaska.gov)

April 23-25 National Council for Preservation Education: Learning from the Reservation; Using the Traditional Cultural Place Perspective for Better Decision Making in a Diverse Cultural Landscape conference, Dover, DE (Robin Krawitz, 302.857.7139 / rkrawitz@desu.edu)

April 23-25 Alaska Trails Statewide Trails 2015 Conference, Wasilla (Steve Cleary, 907.334.8049 / steve.cleary@alaska-trails.org)

April 28-May 2 Council of Geographic Names Authorities annual meeting, Anchorage (Wayne Furr, twfurr@cogna50usa.org)

April 28-29 National Preservation Institute: Landscape Preservation: An Introduction, Sitka (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 30 National Preservation Institute: Landscape Preservation: Advanced Tools for Managing Change, Sitka (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

May 1 Alaska Historical Society: Trade Routes and Crossroads in the North Pacific paper and panel proposals due (Chris Allan, sprucetip105@gmail.com)

May 12-13 National Preservation Institute: The Recent Past: Identification and Evaluation of Mid-20th Century Resources, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

May 14 National Preservation Institute: Preservation Planning and Policy Development for Historic Roads, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

May 25-29 National Park Service, Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21s Century, Lyons/Rice County, KS (Steven L. DeVore, 402.437.5392 / <http://www.nps.gov/mwac>)

May 31 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry form deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

June 18-20 Cook Inlet Historical Society: Imagining Anchorage—Symposium of the Centennial of Anchorage (www.cookinlethistory.org)

June 30 National Park Service, Charles E. Peterson Prize Measured Drawings Student Competition submission deadline (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark_schara@nps.gov)

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

July 31 National Park Service, Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge: Documenting Modernist Landscapes documentation deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)

September 10-12 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums, 2015 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Washington, DC (ATALM, www.atalm.org)

September 16-20 American Association for State and Local History, annual meeting: The Power of Possibility, Louisville, KY (Bob Beatty, 635.320.3203 / beatty@aaahl.org)

September 30-October 3 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings: Trade Routes and Crossroads in the North Pacific, Cordova (www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org)

November 2-5 Urban Archaeology of Vienna: 20th International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, 43.01.4000.81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadarchaeologie.at)

November 3-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation: PastForward 2015, Washington, DC (NTHP, 202-588.6100 / conference@savingplaces.org)

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March 16 National Council on Public History annual meeting: On the Edge of 2016: Commemorating the Past and Shaping the Future of Federal Preservation Activities, Baltimore, MD (Barbara Little, barbara_little@nps.gov or <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/working-groups/>)

June National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, Mobile, AL (NAPC, 706.369.5881 / napc@uga.edu)