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CONSULTATION WITH NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATIONS CLEARER IN NEW HANDBOOK FROM THE ACHP

Washington, D.C.—The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) announces the release of a new publication, “**Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook.**”

Created by the ACHP’s Office of Native American Affairs, this handbook provides step-by-step guidance for consulting with Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) when a federal undertaking may impact historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them.

NHO consultation, mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the ACHP’s regulations often presents challenges for federal agencies and Native Hawaiian organizations. This new handbook clarifies the federal responsibility to consult with NHOs and presents a helpful road map with a step by step explanation of the consultation requirements in the Section 106 process.

“**Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook**” is an essential resource, not only for federal agency personnel and the State Historic Preservation Office, but for Native Hawaiian organizations working in historic preservation as well. The publication is free and available for download at <http://www.achp.gov/NativeHawaiianConsultationHandbook2011.pdf>.

The ACHP’s Office of Native American Affairs, established in 1998, is responsible for carrying out the ACHP’s Native American initiatives. The Office 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.

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