STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO) RESPONSIBILITIES THAT MAY BE ASSUMED BY INDIAN TRIBES

Section 101(d) (2) of the National Historic Preservation Act provides that "A Tribe may assume all or any part of the functions of a State Historic Preservation Officer. . ." Those functions are listed in Section 101(b) (3) of the Act, as follows:

It shall be the responsibility of the State Historic Preservation Officer to administer the State Historic Preservation Program and to –

(A) in cooperation with Federal and State agencies, local governments, and private organizations and individuals, direct and conduct a comprehensive Statewide survey of historic properties and maintain inventories of such properties;

(B) identify and nominate eligible properties to the National Register and otherwise administer applications for listing historic properties on the National Register;

(C) prepare and implement a comprehensive Statewide historic preservation plan;

(D) administer the State program of Federal assistance for historic preservation within the State;

(E) advise and assist, as appropriate, Federal and State agencies and local governments in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities;

(F) cooperate with the Secretary [of the Interior], the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and other Federal and State agencies, local governments, and organizations and individuals to ensure that historic properties are taken into consideration at all levels of planning and development;

(G) provide public information, education and training, and technical assistance in historic preservation;

(H) cooperate with local governments in the development of local historic preservation programs and assist local governments in becoming certified pursuant to subsection (C);

(I) consult with appropriate Federal agencies in accordance with this Act on -

(i) Federal undertakings that may affect historical properties; and

(ii) the content and sufficiency of any plans developed to protect, manage, or to reduce or mitigate harm to such properties; and

(J) advise and assist in the evaluation of proposals for rehabilitation projects that may qualify for Federal assistance.