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A street artist's rendition of downtown Providence, the site of this year's Annual Meeting - September 16 - 20, 2009.

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ACRA's Mission

Our mission is to promote the professional, ethical, and business practices of the cultural resources industry, including all of its affiliated disciplines, for the benefit of the resources, the public, and the members of the association by:

- promoting and supporting the business needs of cultural resources practitioners;
- promoting professionalism in the cultural resources industry;
- promoting and providing educational and training opportunities for the cultural resources industry; and
- promoting public awareness of cultural resources and its diverse fields.

A basic tenet of ACRA's philosophy is the cost efficiency of private-sector firms in meeting the need for expertise in cultural resource management. ACRA is strongly opposed to unfair competition from tax-supported contracting programs. We believe that a greater benefit to society, and to the resources, derives from the existence of a healthy community of tax-paying, job-generating, private-sector CRM businesses.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Michael R. Polk

We are approaching the beginning of Spring. This is a time when most of us, at least those in cold areas of the country, begin to gear up for another busy field season, whether it be archaeology, architectural history, history or a related field. This year is likely different for most, if not all of us. The economy has caught up with CRM. I know that my company was going strong until the end of October. Then, it was like everyone put on the brakes, hard. The phones stopped ringing. I don't know that anyone is doing great right now. Perhaps some are holding their own, others may be coasting and still others are just barely holding on.

ACRA was not created to just be there in good times, but to assist in these lean ones as well. Perhaps ACRA can be most effective in more difficult times, since there are fewer tools for companies to look to. A number of initiatives are being implemented to both help companies cope and, perhaps, thrive in this down economy. Some of these are programs that we do on a standard basis, but may be of even more use in these times, but others are being specifically targeted to both assess the situation and apply some possible remedies to help.

First, ACRA will be sending out an economic survey in the next week or two to take the pulse of the profession in these trying times. I ask you to participate to help us, as leadership, and you get a sense of the magnitude of the effect that this economic situation is having on our companies across the country. The Board of Directors will be meeting soon and will use this information to discuss

the situation and see if there are positive things that ACRA can do to help.

Second, ACRA is undertaking the most massive membership drive in its history. The Membership Committee has compiled the most complete and comprehensive database of cultural resources companies ever put together. To date, it appears that they have identified between 1600 and 1800 companies existing within the United States. There are at least 218 in California alone! We are about to launch a postcard campaign (see article on Page 8) to seek out new potential members. We also intend to use this list to greatly expand and enhance the quality of our biannual nationwide salary survey to be held later this year. While the survey and recruiting drive will not necessarily directly help your business, in the long run it can provide a number of benefits. By increasing membership, ACRA's funding will increase and allow the organization to do more for your business. It will also help level the playing field by helping businesses become more responsible within the CRM community. Lastly, more businesses will be likely to participate in the Salary Survey which will enrich and enhance the temporal depth of our Salary Survey data.

Third, ACRA's board will be meeting in Baltimore on March 27. On March 26, the entire board, plus a number of the general membership, will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to meet with Congress and with Federal Preservation Officers of various key agencies. We are doing this in order

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to promote the inclusion of cultural resources in Stimulus Package Projects and to promote the quality of service that agencies and private industry have come to expect from ACRA member firms. We are working closely with Nellie Longworth, ACRA's Government Relations Consultant, to target key congressional constituencies and agencies that have the most potential to benefit projects that include cultural resources as part of the work needing to be done. We will be reporting back to you soon after this on the results of the trip. Remember too, it is not too late to join us. Check the ACRA website for more information and contact CJ Summers at ACRA HQ (CJSummers@clemonsmgmt.com) to let her know that you would like to join us for this exciting event.

It is a difficult time for many, if not most of us, but despite the fact that saying certain things may seem tired and worn, such times as this are golden opportunities for growth and reassessing one's goals in business. It is time to build your network of contacts and to hone your skills in marketing. During such times, what worked well over the last many years may not any more. It forces you to test your skills in new ways and look to new markets to exploit. It is often painful, but in the long run, will often pay handsome dividends. Let's talk about this some more in Providence in September at the Annual ACRA meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

TRACKING THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently announced an online tool for tracking the economic stimulus plan (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) as it relates to historic preservation. It is on their PreservationNation website at the following link:

<http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/advocacy-center/platform/stimulus-tracker.html>

UPDATE FROM ACRA HEADQUARTERS

By CJ Summers, Associate Director

ACRA's CRM Day at Capitol Hill March 26, 2009 Washington, DC

In our role as the 2009 cultural resources management companies sentinels, we urge you to join us at CRM Day, ACRA's inaugural legislative fly-in. The event will take place March 25 - 26, 2009.

Your visit to the members of Congress for your state will impact the success of the cultural resources management profession's advocacy efforts in the 111th Congress. We are looking for all CRM executives to visit your members of Congress and share your views on important industry issues like historic preservation.

Do not underestimate your importance or the importance of this event; your participation could be the voice that convinces an important member of Congress to stand with the CRM companies on a vital management or preservation issue. For example, your member of Congress could be the supporter or voter who passes the Small Business CHOICE Act, which would help stop drastic premium increases for ACRA's small business members as well as allow them to provide affordable health insurance to their employees.

You, as a demonstrated supporter of our profession, are the backbone that makes this event successful. You can help pass important legislation while preventing harmful legislation that negatively impacts CRM companies by taking the following actions:

- Register to attend CRM Day 2009
- Invite coworkers or colleagues to attend with you or, if you cannot attend, for you.

Once again, please join us at CRM Day 2009. Together, we can make a difference for all CRM companies to allow us to carry out our vital missions for our country. For more information, contact CJ Summers at 410-933-3459.

Wednesday, March 25th

6:00 pm

Informational Meeting and Capitol Hill
Appointment Scheduling with Nellie Longworth

Thursday, March 26th

Lobby Day at Capitol Hill

Hotel Information:

The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute
692 Maritime Boulevard
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
www.ccmit.org

Please call (410) 859-5700 to reserve your room. The ACRA group rate is \$139/per night. For double occupancy, the rate is \$189/per night.

Your room rate includes a breakfast and dinner buffet for each night of your stay. These rates do not include state or local taxes.

Transportation:

You will want to fly in to Baltimore Washington International Airport (airport code= BWI). The Maritime Institute provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the hotel.

Please reply to CJ Summers via email to confirm your attendance at this meeting at cjsummers@clemonsmgmt.com.

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Mark Your Calendar for ACRA's 14th Annual Conference

September 17 - 20, 2009
Renaissance Providence Hotel
Providence, Rhode Island

Ray Pasquariello, Cinder Miller and Joan Deming are meeting to discuss program content and will keep HQ posted on their progress. If you have any suggestions in regards to programs, sessions or speakers, please contact Ray, Cinder or Joan directly. All your suggestions are welcomed and appreciated at:

Ray: rpasquariello@graypape.com

Cinder: cmiller@graypape.com

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Membership Dues

Thank you to over 101 members who renewed their membership with ACRA. Please contact Miranda Coles at 410-933-3451 if you have yet to pay your dues or if you have questions.

ACRA Prospective Member Mailing

Steve Dasovich, Membership Committee Chair, and his Committee have compiled the list of prospective ACRA members . . . more than 1500! They created a postcard that will be mailed to the prospective member list. The postcard includes a message encouraging the recipient to visit the ACRA website and use the "special" password in order to access a prospective member page.

When you visit the main ACRA webpage www.acra-crm.org there is a tab on the right side that says "ACRA Postcards - Received an ACRA Post Card? - Learn more here". This will link to the information page for prospective members.

Thank you to the entire Committee for their hard work on this project!

Please contact Miranda Coles if you know someone who should receive this postcard.

Government Affairs Section on the ACRA Website

We have created a section on the ACRA website that includes government affairs letters and announcements from ACRA similar to what SAA does.

We are working with Ian Burrows and Jeanne Ward to provide copies of any letters or announcements. If you have any correspondence similar to this, please forward electronic copies to CJ Summers cjsummers@clemonsmgmt.com so we may add them to the website.

Award Winners

The 2008 ACRA Award Winners can be viewed on the ACRA website. A History of Award Winners is also posted online.

Newsletter Archive

ACRA staff worked with Mike Polk to add a newsletter archive on the website. The entire archive is now online.

ACRA'S HQ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The ACRA HQ Oversight Committee was established by President Mike Polk at the 2008 Annual Meeting to provide review of HQ operations as well as to support coordination and communication between HQ and ACRA's Officers and Board. The Committee members include Terry Majewski (SRI), Tom Motsinger (PaleoWest), Lucy Wayne (SouthArc) and Committee Chair Joe Joseph (New South Associates).

As its first task, the members of the committee and HQ representatives Executive Director Crista LeGrand and Associate Director C. J. Summers were each asked to list and rank what they saw as ACRA's top 10 priorities and responsibilities. The HQ Committee Chair reviewed the rankings and prepared a report on the results with the Committee's input. These results were reviewed in a conference call between HQ, the Committee and ACRA's President.

The group also discussed communications as the critical interface between HQ and ACRA. HQ has been very responsive to requests for improved communications. Initiatives they have implemented include a weekly phone call with the ACRA President and weekly emailed Board briefings. HQ has also added a "Contact ACRA" page to the ACRA website, which identifies all of the HQ staff involved in ACRA's administration and provides their contact information and email addresses. The contacts are: C.J. Summers, Associate Director, for Consultant Database and Sponsorship Support; Miranda Coles, Association Coordinator, for membership information, dues, contact/address changes, and information on the annual meeting; Stacey Johnson, Webmaster; and Crista LeGrand, CMP, Executive Director. Visit www.acra-crm.org for more information.

The Committee will review HQ's efforts and provide guidance on a quarterly basis. Members with topics they wish to bring to the Committee's attention are encouraged to email Joe Joseph at jwjoseph@newsouthassoc.com. Members are encouraged to copy Executive Director Crista LeGrand on those emails at CristaL@clemonsmgmt.com.

ACRA Headquarters

We are your ACRA Headquarters. If we can be of assistance to you throughout the year, please contact us. Here's your ACRA staff listing:

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ACRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By Steve Dasovich, Membership Committee Chair

ACRA has started a massive membership drive. Thanks to Sarah Herr, who compiled a list of approximately 1,500 CRM companies nationwide, the Membership Committee has been able to use that list as a starting point to generate a prospective members list. The list includes all types of CRM companies from the United States and U.S. territories. Currently, we are on track to have a list of at least 1,800 companies (subtract from that the current members of ACRA to see the pool of prospective members).

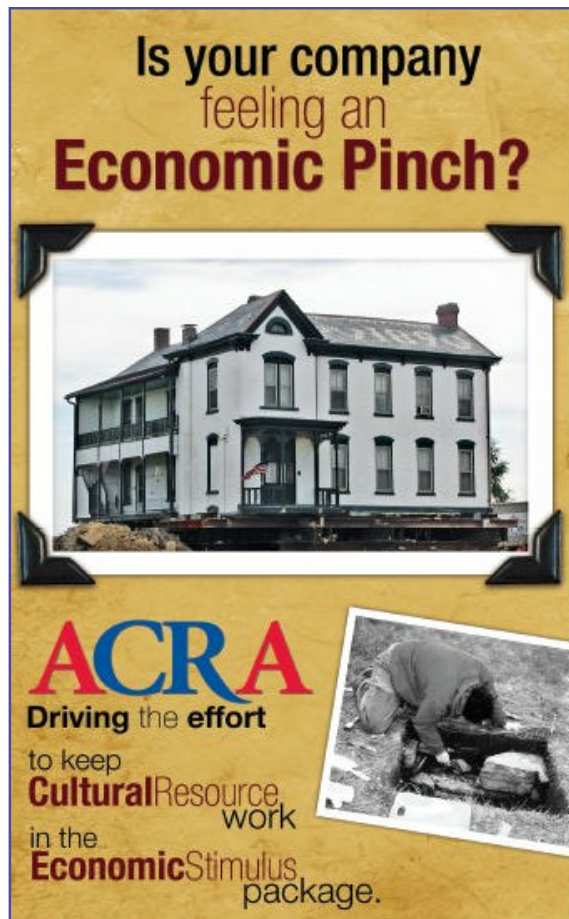
Our membership drive consists first of the compilation of this list. Next, we are sending out a postcard inviting prospective member firms to take a look at ACRA's website (see this issue for the front of the card). On the website is a special "postcard" page where those who have received the postcard will be able to use their VIP password to enter this page and see greetings from ACRA's President and Membership Committee Chair. This page will also have photos from recent ACRA conferences showing our membership at work and at play. The idea is to offer a welcoming, "homey" feel to these prospective members and get them to browse through the rest

of the website. By the time you read this, postcards to between 50% and 80% of this list will have been mailed.

But wait, there is still more! The Membership and Education committees have been working on marketing to potential student members. The idea is to offer a workshop/seminar to mostly graduate students at each annual meeting, focusing on campuses within about a 300-mile radius from the meeting location (but advertising it nationwide). The seminar will focus on introducing the

students to the "real world" of CRM from the perspective of our membership. Representatives from ACRA firms local or regional to each conference will lead the seminars. In this way, students will be able to network for possible jobs in their areas and our member firms will have a first look at possible new employees. There are many details to work out for this, but it shows great promise.

Finally, we are looking for at least one new Membership Committee member, especially from a large category firm. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact Steve Dasovich at sdasovich@sciengineering.com.



START PLANNING FOR THE 2009 ACRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Preparations are well underway here at Gray & Pape for ACRA's 14th Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, September 16-20.

We'll be spending most of our time at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel. "Originally built in 1929 as a Masonic temple, the remarkable neoclassical architecture has been meticulously restored to its natural beauty, while the interior has been transformed into an elegant reflection of modern day sophistication, creating a unique Providence, Rhode Island hotel. Stylish downtown Providence hotel rooms offer timeless luxury, stunning detail, and refined comforts, as well as innovative technology." Go ahead and Google 'Marriott Renaissance Providence' for more information.

For the Friday night social, we'll be across the street from the hotel at the National Register-listed Rhode Island State House, a majestic neoclassical building that houses the Rhode Island General Assembly and the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and General Treasurer.

And for the Saturday night event we'll be out on Narragansett Bay, aboard the Majestic, a luxury yacht complete with the finest views, food, drink and entertainment that Rhode Island has to offer.

Conference programming is also in full swing. Details of the program, the keynote speaker, panels and workshops will be provided in the next newsletter. For more information, feel free to contact the Conference Host, Ray Pasquariello (rpasquariello@graypape.com) or the Program Chair, Cinder Miller (cmiller@graypape.com). We look forward to seeing you all in September!

BEYOND THE CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER IN PROVIDENCE



Take a stroll down the cobble stones of Benefit Street in Providence's Historic District. With one of the nation's highest concentrations of Colonial architecture the "mile of history" overlooks Providence's downtown. The Rhode Island Historical Society (401/438-0463. www.rihs.org) conducts summer (mid-June-mid-Oct.) walks on Benefit Street. The 90-minute tours cost \$12 per person and depart from the John Brown House Museum Tuesday-Saturday at 11 AM.

Located in the heart of Providence's financial district, the 1913 Turk's Head Building is a flatiron style office building, designed by Howells & Strokes of New York.

The Roger Williams Park Botanical Gardens was voted Rhode Island's "Best Urban Oasis." Besides the vast outdoor gardens, there are 12,000 square feet of indoor gardens. <http://providenceri.com/botanical-center/>

Take in Providence's art galleries September 17 during Gallery Night. For tour information visit <http://www.gallerynight.info/celebrityguides.html>

WaterFire is a popular arts event consisting of a series of up to 100 bonfires that blaze just above the surface of the three rivers that pass through the middle of downtown Providence with accompanying music, and sometimes with live performances. For schedule visit <http://www.waterfire.org/>.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coastal Carolina Research, Inc. Announces Promotions

Tarboro , North Carolina

Coastal Carolina Research, Inc. (CCR) is pleased to announce the promotions of two of its valued employees. Susan E. Bamann, Ph.D., was named Vice President of Operations, and Billy W. Hall, Jr., was named Vice President of Research. CCR is a consulting firm specializing in cultural resource management. The firm's archaeologists, architectural history specialists and historians conduct in-depth research and fieldwork to assist with historic preservation planning for various

government agencies and private clients. Established in 1988, the Tarboro-based firm is celebrating its twentieth anniversary and has completed more than 500 research projects in the Carolinas and mid-Atlantic region.

Dr. Bamann earned graduate degrees in Anthropology at the University at Albany (State University of New York) and is a Registered Professional Archaeologist and member of the North Carolina Archaeological Council. She has more than 20 years of experience in archaeological research, her specialty, with much of her time devoted to the study of precontact Native American settlement in eastern North America. Bamann resides in Tarboro with her husband Allen Poyner and their son Ewan. She looks forward to an expanded role in the management of archaeological projects.

Mr. Hall earned a B.A. in History, with honors, from North Carolina Wesleyan College and has served CCR as the chief archival researcher and project historian for more than a decade. He has conducted extensive research for projects near Civil War battlefield and encampment sites and has considerable expertise in deed and title research for assessing the significance of historic sites and structures. Hall coordinates background research for all projects and is responsible for the consistent quality of assessments provided by the firm. He is a native of Wilson, where he resides with his wife Noelle and daughters Danielle and Taryn.



Susan Bamann, VP Operations



Billy Hall, VP Research

Mead & Hunt Launches Historical Staff in California

Mead & Hunt has added historic preservation staff to our Sacramento, California, office, and now has a total of 16 specialists focused on the built environment. This staff combines national perspective with California experience to offer clients practical solutions to their historic preservation compliance needs. Departments of Transportation and other state and local agencies throughout the country turn to Mead & Hunt for proven historical expertise and understanding of state and federal preservation regulations that expedites project delivery and facilitates sound project planning decisions.

Chad Moffett, MA, Cultural Resource Preservation, will manage this new department. Moffett, who is relocating from Mead & Hunt's Minneapolis office, currently serves as Secretary of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) and as a member of its Board of Directors. He was the recipient of the Merit for Excellence in the Study of Landscape Architecture from the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Carol Roland, Ph.D., American History, has joined Mead & Hunt as a Senior Historian. Roland is the past president of the California Preservation Foundation, 2005-2007. She recently authored a statewide thematic context, *National Park/State Park Cooperative Program & Civilian Conservation Corp Development in California State Parks 1932-1941*, for the California Department of Parks and Recreation. In 2008 Roland developed and implemented a program of two-day cultural resource workshops sponsored by California's statewide preservation organization for approximately 100 government agency personnel and professional cultural resource practitioners.

Moffett and Roland join an established Mead & Hunt office with 35 engineers, planners, technicians and support staff. In addition to its two California offices, Mead & Hunt offers design services in the fields of planning, architecture, engineering and historic preservation from locations nationwide. Mead & Hunt is ranked among the top 500 architectural/engineering firms in the nation by Engineering News Record magazine.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES OF INTEREST TO ACRA MEMBERS

Society of Architectural Historians (www.sah.org)
Pasadena, CA-April 1-5, 2009

National Council on Public History (www.ncph.org)
Providence, RI-April 2-5, 2009

Society for American Archaeology (www.saa.org)
Atlanta, GA-April 22-26, 2009

American Planning Association (www.planning.org)
Minneapolis, MN-April 25, 2009

National Association of Environmental Professionals
(www.naep.org)
Scottsdale, AZ-May 2-6, 2009

Society for Industrial Archeology (www.sia-web.org)
Pittsburgh, PA-May 29-31, 2009

Vernacular Architecture Forum (www.vafweb.org)
Butte, MT-June 10-13, 2009

If an organization which you or your firm is involved in is not listed here, please send information on upcoming activities, awards, announcements or other news items to the ACRA Edition Coordinator, Lucy Wayne at lucy@southarc.com. I'll see that it gets put in the next Edition and/or on MembersOnly and that it is passed on to the Chair of the Liaison Committee, Elizabeth Jacox.

The Louis Berger Group, Inc. March 2009

The Louis Berger Group, Inc. (Morristown, NJ), an international provider of engineering and environmental services, has hired Dr. Christopher D. Dore as Assistant Director of Cultural Resources. Dr. Dore is based in Denver and coordinates services in The Louis Berger Group's Western Region. The award-winning Louis Berger Cultural Resource Group employs approximately 125 full-time staff in 10 offices across the country. For more information on The Louis Berger Group, Inc., and their cultural resource group, see www.louisberger.com and www.culturalresourcegroup.com.

Dr. Dore comes to The Louis Berger Group, Inc., after serving in executive positions for leading heritage firms in the western United States. Dr. Dore also holds an adjunct faculty position at the University of Arizona in one of the nation's highest ranked anthropology departments. He is relatively unique in the heritage industry by having an MBA in addition to his degrees in anthropology. Well known to ACRA members from his service in the organization as a director and past president, Dr. Dore is currently the treasurer-elect of the Society for American Archaeology. Dr. Dore can be reached at cdore@louisberger.com and at (303)985-6623.

SITE, INC. Montgomery, AL

Elisabeth Sheldon and Paula Weiss of SITE, Inc. presented the keynote paper at Cultural Crossroads VIII sponsored by the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Auburn University's Caroline Draughn Center and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts with support from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. This one-day symposium entitled *Settling In: 1820s-1840s*, explored the first three decades of Alabama's statehood. Sheldon's and Weiss' paper was entitled "Early Settlement between Autauga and Mortar Creeks in Old Autauga County, Alabama: A Cultural Geography."

MEET ACRA BOARD MEMBER

TOM EULER - LARGE FIRM MEMBER

I was raised in Prescott, Arizona and spent much of my youth traveling the 4-Corners region with my educator parents. My dad was a college professor and an anthropologist of the old school who had a true love of archaeology. My early field experience with him included participating in phenomenal research projects throughout the American Southwest - including helicopter surveys in the Grand Canyon! It never occurred to me to follow any other career path. Making a living was the farthest thing from my mind.

A graduate of the University of Colorado, I have worked in the Cultural Resources Management (CRM) field for over 35 years, most of that time in private sector consulting. Any success I've had in this field I owe largely to my parents and to David A. Breternitz, my main professor at CU. At a time when university archaeology programs focused mainly on graduate students, Dave was providing dozens of eager (and naïve) young undergraduates with opportunities to do fieldwork, data analysis and report preparation. I was one of many beneficiaries of his far reaching training program.

Prior to my current position with SWCA Environmental Consultants (www.swca.com), I was employed in the University of Arizona's Arizona State Museum. For the past 20 years I have been a principal

and Project Manager with SWCA, a Phoenix-based natural and cultural resource consulting firm. During that time, the company has grown from a 12-person, sole-proprietorship to a 100% employee-owned firm of some 500 environmental and cultural resource specialists. With more than 150 full-time archaeologists, historians, architectural historians and ethnographers in 23 offices, SWCA is one of the largest employers of cultural resource professionals in the country.

On the personal side, I am married to Marcy and we have two beautiful kids (Amy 13; Ian 11) and a stunning yellow Labrador Retriever (Phoebe). We spend most of our free time attending kids' swim meets, volleyball or basketball games, and track and field events. We love living in southern Arizona and enjoying the great outdoors here.

I look forward to serving on your board and feel free to contact me at any time (teuler@swca.com). I hope to see you at the next ACRA meeting in Providence - if not before!

Tom Euler
Senior Project Manager
SWCA Environmental Consultants
Tucson, Arizona

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Nellie Longworth, Government Affairs Consultant

President Obama Launches His Stimulus Program - To Gain Republican Support, \$108 Billion Cut From Original Package

With less than a month in office, President Obama launched a series of programs to jump start our nation's economy, offering many opportunities for archaeologists and CRM firms to find much needed work. Within the recently passed "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" (ARRA) are projects in a number of federal agencies that are "shovel ready" and will be relatively easy to get underway. While there are agencies that have completed all environmental and preservation requirements - "shovel ready" - there are other agencies that will be scrambling to get their projects underway.

During the congressional debate over the stimulus process, some congressional members attempted to delete the need for NEPA's environmental review which incorporates Section 106. Fortunately, the final version of ARRA requires environmental and historic compliance though it does call for an expedited NEPA process. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood spoke to an audience in the White House that included transportation officials and stated "These projects are going to be funded by the book, by the rules

and regulations that have been established." There is also a requirement that every ninety days, the President will receive reports on the status of projects underway.

There are many challenges ahead for CRM firms and archaeologists. Below are relevant agencies and an outline of projects that will be getting great sums of funding for projects that are "shovel ready." In agencies such as the General Service Administration (GSA) and Transportation, many projects are "ready to go." However, there are agencies such as HUD and the Veteran's Administration who are going to be bombarded with money and the challenge to get NEPA and Section 106 "out the door in a hurry." This will obviously put tremendous pressure on Federal Preservation Officers (FPOs) of which there is one in every federal agency. Located in Washington DC., they have the responsibility of getting the needed approvals for projects nationwide. SHPOs and THPOs will be bombarded with project approval and they are already diminished by shrinking state funding. The crux of all this is that the CRM and archaeological work must be done in an expedited process that can be completed more quickly where there is not a likelihood to have serious archaeological consequences.

In short, we must work together to improve all aspects of cultural resource management at all

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levels of government and in the private sector. Organizations like ACRA are needed to become leaders in this effort.

American Recovery And Reinvestment Act - Potential CRM projects

Education And Workforce

- \$39.5 billion for local schools and higher education institutions
- \$5 billion - incentive for states that make key performance
- \$8.8 billion - public safety and other government services, including curriculum improvement

Department Of The Interior

- US Geological Survey - \$140 million
- Bureau of Land Management - \$180 million
- Fish and Wildlife Service - \$115 million
- National Park Service \$146 million operation of Park System - \$589 million for construction projects in the parks

Department Of Defense - Corps Of Engineers-

- \$2 billion for projects that have already received funds
- \$375 million for Mississippi River and tributaries
- \$2.075 billion for Operations and Maintenance

General Services Administration

- \$4.5 billion to convert GSA facilities to Green Buildings (\$400 million for Office of Green Buildings)

Veterans Administration

- \$150 million for construction of states' extended care facilities for veterans

House Passes FY09 Appropriations Bill - HR 1105 -Sends To Senate

The FY09 Omnibus bill was passed by the House of Representatives last week. The FY09 appropriations of nine agencies have been under a continuing resolution since the last Congress. The markup increased funding for SHPO and Tribes, but eliminated funding for Preserve America. The SHPOs would get a small increase to \$42.5 million, an increase over FY08 \$39.376 million. The Tribes would receive \$7 million and Save America's Treasures \$20 million. Preserve America was zeroed out. The reason noted for the zero funding was "that future funding for the Preserve America program should be deferred pending a full evaluation of the effectiveness of the program in meeting national heritage tourism needs."

The Senate will take up the measure during the first week of March. There is a group of Republican senators who want to simply have another continuing resolution to retain the current funding level through the end of the year.

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