Arizona

AZSITE Update

As of September, the new computerized database was installed and operational at the Arizona State Museum, Arizona State University, and the Arizona SHPO. The AZSITE Consortium is working to have the database and GIS operational at the Museum of Northern Arizona this winter. Twenty-one thousand archaeological and 3,000 historic buildings and structures have been entered into the database. Ninety percent of the archaeological sites and all 3,000 buildings and structures have been georeferenced in the GIS. Six thousand surveys (representing 5,000 projects) have been plotted as polygons in the GIS. In addition to continuing to enter old and new archaeological data into the database and GIS, progress is being made toward entering National Register District boundaries and refining the data entry information for architectural properties.

The Consortium continues to work with individual Tribes to define their participation in AZSITE. Work has also continued with the archaeological community, federal and state agencies and the Tribes concerning safeguarding sensitive information in the database and GIS.

A number of grants have been awarded to various agencies in the Consortium to assist with program design, data entry and cleanup, hardware and software acquisition, and training. These include three Heritage fund grants, and a NCPIT grant. A proposal has been submitted for funding through ISTEA.


New Jersey

Documenting New Jersey’s Historic Properties: Building Contracts and Mechanic Liens

Architectural historians can be thankful that building contracts and mechanic liens have been included among the many types of documents that New Jersey’s county clerks have recorded, filed, or created during the last century. Under a series of state laws that were enacted between 1820 and 1833, each county clerk was required to file copies of contracts for the construction of buildings public and private alike when presented by a contractor who either wasn’t being fully paid for his work or was fearful that he would not be paid. Clerks also filed “mechanic lien” claims, which were papers that a contractor, a supplier, or a workman was owed a certain amount of money for building materials or labor for construction work on a specified property.

Today, these records can be very important for National Register nominations and historic structure reports. Each county possesses some of these records, and a few historical societies have obtained...continued on Page 3
November 18-22, 1997 - The Plains Conference, co-sponsored by the Colorado State University and the Colorado State Historical Society, will meet in at the Clarion Harveststone Hotel in Boulder, CO.

January 7-11, 1998 - Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Ravenna Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Contact the Society for Historical Archaeology, PO Box 30446, Tucson, AZ 85751-0446.

March 25-11, 1998 - the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology will be held in Seattle, WA. Contact: the Society for American Archaeology at 900 Second Street, N.E., #12, Washington, DC 20002-3557, telephone 202-789-8200; FAX 202-789-0284; or E-mail meetings@saa.org.

April 16-18, 1998 - The 51st Northwest Anthropological Conference will be held in Missoula, MT. Contact: Northwest Anthropological Conference, Dr. Thomas A. Foor, Chair Department of Anthropology, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812

April 17-18, 1998 - Fleeting Identities: Perishable Material Culture in Archaeological Research, the Fifteenth Annual Center for Archaeological Investigations Visiting Scholar's Conference, will be held at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Deadline for abstracts is December 31, 1997. For details see http://www.siu.edu/~cai, or contact Penelope Drooker, CAI, Faner 3479, Mailcode 4527, SIUC, Carbondale, IL 62901-4527; 618-453-5032; FAX 618-453-3253; E-mail pdrooker@siu.edu.

The Transition from Prehistory to History in the Southwest

The Transition from Prehistory to History in the Southwest will be held in Albuquerque, NM, in March 1998. This conference focuses on the transition from prehistory to history throughout the Southwestern Cultural Area. It will include perspectives from both historians and archaeologists relating to Arizona, New Mexico, Sonora, Chihuahua, Colorado, Utah, and Texas. Talks will focus on current research, synthetic presentations, and theoretical perspectives. Results will be published. For more information contact:

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Call For Papers

Northwest Anthropological Conference

The 51st Northwest Anthropological Conference is pleased to announce its call for papers. The conference is being held in Missoula MT on April 16-18, 1998. Paper abstracts are due by February 14, 1998. Please visit the Northwest Conference web pages at http://taylor.anthro.umt.edu/antheclub/nwconf/nwhome.htm for paper requirements and conference information.

The 51st Northwest Anthropological Conference is hosted by The University of Montana.
waste no time in putting these records to good use. They may not be available forever. They are not permanent records, and counties can (and still do) destroy them. (The amount of this material that has been sent to incinerators since 1980 is truly disheartening.)

A table has been compiled that enumerates the building contract and lien records that are still available for each county, contact person, and telephone number. For more information and copies of the Mechanic Liens and Building Contracts charts, please contact Robert Craig, State Historic Preservation Office, 609-292-2023.

Taken from Historic Preservation Planning Bulletin, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, October-December 1997.

Maryland

Tax Incentives for the Rehabilitation of Historic Structures

On June 4, 1997, over one hundred people gathered at the University of Baltimore's Merrick School of Business to learn about tax incentives for the rehabilitation of historic structures. Here, preservationists united with the business community to outline strategies for preserving historic structures while engaging in profitable business ventures. The diverse audience included accountants, attorneys, developers, planners, real estate professionals, and historic homeowners.

Kathleen Kotarba, of the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), discussed Baltimore City's new tax incentive program which went into effect January 1, 1996. This incentive will freeze, for ten years, the assessed tax amount of the rehabilitated property at its pre-rehabilitation level. Baltimore is one of many local governments in the state that has enacted such legislation. Other local governments have made a 1096 credit on local property taxes available.

Michael Day, of MHT’s Office of Preservation Services, discussed the federal and state income tax credits. A 20 percent federal income tax credit is available for the rehabilitation of income-producing structures. Currently a 10 percent state income tax is available for the rehabilitation of both residential and income-producing properties. On May 22, 1997, Governor Glendenning signed HB1263 which will raise the state income tax credit to 15 percent, effective January 1, 1998.

Joseph Cronyn, from Lipman, Frizzell & Mitchell, and Mark Pollak, from the law firm of Piper & Marbury, explained how to layer these tax incentives to obtain the greatest benefit. The workshop ended with a panel comprised of Charles Duff, from Jubilee Baltimore; Ira Miller, from Miller Corporate Real Estate Services; and Andy Cohen, from Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, who commented on how their organizations profited from the use of preservation tax incentives.

To be eligible for such incentives, properties must either be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, be designated as a historic property under local law, or certified as a contributing resource within a National Register or local historic district. Properties located in a certified heritage area and certified as contributing to the area’s significance are also eligible for the Maryland income tax credit.

All rehabilitation work should be approved by the appropriate agency before work commences and must comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standard for Rehabilitation. For more information on local rehabilitation tax credit programs, please contact 410-514-7625. For information on state and federal programs, contact 410-514-7600.
Job Announcements

Staff Archaeologist Position

The New Mexico Historic Preservation Division is seeking qualified candidates for a staff archaeologist position to conduct review and compliance of state and federal undertakings under applicable historic preservation law and regulation. This position will primarily involve reviewing New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department undertakings, but will include other state and federal agencies as time permits.

Qualifications include a Masters degree in anthropology, archaeology or historic preservation with at least three (3) years of field experience in Southwest archaeology including any combination of survey, excavation, and laboratory analysis, six (6) months of which must be at a supervisory level. Preference will be given to candidates who are familiar with historic preservation law and regulation.

This is a term position with a high probability of annual renewal. Salary starts at $25,436 annually, plus benefits, but is negotiable depending on experience. New Mexico has an excellent benefit package including health and retirement programs, and sick and vacation time.

The position will be open from Monday, November 3 to Friday, November 21, 1997. Applications are available through the New Mexico State Personnel Office, 810 W. San Mateo, P.O. Box 26127, Santa Fe, NM 87505-0217. Applicant Services may be reached at 505-827-8151. A State of New Mexico Application for Employment form and a State of New Mexico Official Statement of Job Interest form must be filled out in full, and transcripts demonstrating that the applicant has met the degree requirement must be attached, and submitted to State Personnel before the end of the job opening period.

Contact State Personnel for information and application forms, or access the New Mexico Job Opportunity Bulletin at www.state.nm.us/SPO/.

Architectural Historian

The Detroit office of Midwest Environmental Consultants of Michigan, Inc., is seeking a qualified architectural historian meeting the requirements of 36 CFR Part 61, for the position of staff assistant scientist. Applicants must have a masters degree in historic preservation or closely related field. Duties will include Section 106 review of activities associated with the City of Detroit's demolition program and limited staff supervision. The position is currently offered as part time employment of 32 hours per week with the possibility of becoming full time in the future. Midwest Environmental Consultants of Michigan, Inc., with offices in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Toledo, Ohio, provides a broad spectrum of environmental services including cultural resources to clients throughout the Midwest. Submit resume with references and letter of application to Christopher B. Owen, Midwest Environmental Consultants of Michigan, Inc., Cadillac Tower, Suite 2200, Detroit, MI 48226; phone 313-224-9119. EOE.

Copies of the application forms and instructions are available through this web site. Applicants are encouraged to send a copy of their application and a résumé to the Historic Preservation Division at the address below.

Contact person: David Cushman, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, 228 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe NM, 87503, 505-827-4045, or you E-mail for more information at cushman@arms.state.nm.us.

Research Specialist III

JOB # B-17249

FAS/Anthropology Requirements: Master’s Degree in Anthropology/Archaeology preferred with one years experience at a Field Supervisor level.

The Center for Cultural Resource Research, within the Department of Anthropology of the University of Pittsburgh is accepting applications for a Project Manager/Field Supervisor to begin immediately. This individual will be responsible for preparing technical and budgetary proposals as well as managing Phase I, II, and III cultural resource investigations within the region. Duties will include supervising field investigations, organizing laboratory analyses, and preparing final reporting documents. There is the potential for limited teaching responsibilities for this position as well.

This position requires a Master's Degree in Anthropology/Archaeology, Historic Archaeology, or Historic Preservation.

Please send your vitae, references, and letter of interest to the address below.

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Cultural Heritage Research Services, Inc. (CHRS), of North Wales, Pennsylvania is currently accepting applications for the newly created position of Archaeological Project Manager/Assistant Director of Archaeology. This position requires a Masters degree in anthropology or a closely related discipline and a minimum of two years supervisory experience in prehistoric and/or historic archaeology, preferably in the mid-Atlantic region. The Project Manager/Assistant Director of Archaeology will be responsible for day-to-day project and personnel management, preliminary site assessment, project direction, site analysis, report preparation, and report review on selected projects. The successful applicant will also assist the CHRS Director of Archaeology in administrative, scheduling, and managerial matters.

The ideal applicant would be a skilled archaeologist and technical writer with demonstrated managerial experience in all phases of archaeological investigation, including data recovery excavations. Prior experience in the administrative aspects of the Section 106 compliance process would be advantageous. The position is open to both prehistoric and historic archaeologists and we particularly seek applicants with a wide range of skills and interests.

The anticipated starting salary range is $35,000-$42,000, depending upon experience. This is a full-time, permanent position requiring compensated travel and extended field trips.

Application package should include a cover letter, résumé, list of references, and writing sample. All applications will be held in strict confidence and references will not be contacted without the prior permission of the applicant. The closing date for initial applications is December 31, 1997. I will be available to interview applicants at the Society for Historical Archaeology meetings in Atlanta.


CHRS is a medium-sized historic preservation consulting firm specializing in the archaeological and historic structures components of the federal and state environmental impact assessment process. After a probationary period CHRS offers a full benefit package, including fully paid health care for employee and spouse.

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Los Alamos National Laboratory

Seeking a Cultural Resource Specialist to perform duties as a staff member within the Environment, Safety and Health Division's Ecology Group (ESH-20). Position requires professional expertise in archaeology. Work with ecologists to determine the impacts of Laboratory operations on the cultural resources of Los Alamos National Laboratory and its environs, determine mitigative measures, monitor Laboratory operations for adverse impact to cultural resources, develop cultural resource management plans, and conduct independent research. May be called upon to work on multiple projects or various types of ecology or environmental reviews. A degree (B.S., B.A., M.S., M.A. or Ph.D.) in archaeology, anthropology or equivalent is required.

To apply, E-mail résumé to jobs@lanl.gov or send résumé to Staffing, MS P286, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM 87545. Be sure to state the source code ArchAnth-982983 in your cover letter. The full text of this job advertisement can also be accessed at: http://www.hr.lanl.gov/html/jobs/external/982983.html

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Assistant Director, Division of Architecture

The Texas Historical Commission is seeking a candidate for the position of Assistant Director of the Division of Architecture. Job responsibilities include architectural preservation assistance to the general public and to governmental agencies, review of plans and specifications for the investment tax credit program, review of public projects affecting historic properties, state historic preservation grant administration, review of proposed work on the state's county courthouses, oversight of special projects/programs within the department, and support to the Director of the Division of Architecture on historic preservation issues and in the administration of the department.

Qualifications:
Candidates should have a BA or Master's degree from an accredited school of architecture with an emphasis on historic preservation or architectural history, or three years of historic preservation experience. A state license to practice architecture is preferred. Additionally, the applicant should have extensive knowledge of architectural procedures, familiarity with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, good public speaking and writing skills, and proven management abilities.

Salary for the position is mid to upper 30s. Excellent benefits. Applications must be submitted on agency application form available by mail (PO Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711-2276), in person (1511 Colorado St., Austin, TX), or by E-mail: doa@nucecs.thestate.tx.us.

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Research or Senior
Research Scientist
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Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) has a position open for a Research or Senior Research Scientist (Level II/III) in the Environmental Characterization and Risk Assessment Group, Environmental Sciences and Systems Analysis Department. Educational requirements include: Ph.D. degree in archaeology, anthropology, or a closely related field and at least 5-10 years direct full-time professional experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience required. The staff member should be able to demonstrate completion of large or small research projects. Several years of experience in Western American archaeology including data collection and analysis, cultural resource management, and Native American co-management issues. Demonstrated knowledge of applicable state and federal regulations required. The staff member will direct the overall cultural resources project for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory including cultural resource activities at the Hanford site and develop and complete additional business opportunities. The applicant should have knowledge in Quality Assurance/Quality Control plan implementation, have successfully demonstrated excellent project management skills and experience in successful business development. Strong organizational skills and the ability to follow procedures are required. The ability to work in a team atmosphere is required as the Scientist will be required to interface with program managers, program sponsors, and technical staff who will be providing input on project requirements. The individual will be required to use personal computers for data management and report writing. Familiarity with Word or Word Perfect software is helpful but not required to qualify for the position. PNNL is an EEO/AA employer and supports diversity in the workplace. Minorities, women, Vietnam-era and disabled veterans, and disabled persons are strongly encouraged to apply. If interested, please send two copies of your resume to Battelle, P.O. Box 999, Richland, Washington 99352 Attn: Brian Opitz, K6-75. Please reference ad number#22-1234-068-PLB.

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