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MEETING
FEDERAL AGENCY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Program Comment Guidance

Following the recommendations of the Program Comment Review Panel, the ACHP recently posted updates to the [Program Comment Questions and Answers](#) on www.achp.gov. The updates integrate advice to federal agencies preparing program comment proposals from the recommendations and clarify other points. The revised Questions and Answers are supplemented by a [new flow chart](#) illustrating the steps the ACHP recommends a federal agency take to develop a program comment. The chart cites required steps in the ACHP's regulations. It also shows the steps a federal agency is recommended to take in the program comment development process alongside corresponding ACHP actions. A third column adds information about best practices and can be updated as new successes emerge.

Another addition, aligning with the Panel's recommendations, is a new linked page on [Goal Statement Questions for Program Alternative Development](#). The concept of a program comment goals statement emerged from the Panel's deliberations as a tool to help both agency and stakeholders understand the agency's goals for and approach to achieving Section 106 review efficiencies through a program alternative. Questions on this page guide agencies in articulating what they hope to achieve with any program alternative. The ACHP looks forward to integrating this new information into training updates and revisions in FY 2023.

Section 106 Training Program

The ACHP Section 106 training program is putting the final touches on the FY 2023 live course schedule. Registration will open soon for one session of each of the digital classroom courses, the Section 106 Essentials, Agreements Seminar, and Practitioners Workshop, in November and December 2022. January-September 2023 sessions will open for registration shortly thereafter. The staff is working with State Historic Preservation Office partners to return to offering some in-person classroom opportunities next year, subject to COVID-19 restrictions, but most sessions will remain in the Zoom classroom.

A four-program winter 2023 webinar series is planned to begin in February. This series will feature new and updated advanced topics in Section 106: Considering Program Alternatives, Planning for a Program Comment, Section 106 and CERCLA, and So You Think You Need a Programmatic Agreement. It will be followed in the spring by another four-webinar series of free programs for beginners, students, and interns.

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