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Climate Adaptation Plan 2022 Progress Report

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SECTION 1: UPDATES ON PRIORITY ACTIONS

1. Priority action progress summary

| Action | Current Status | Estimated date of completion | Brief Description of Progress |
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| Assess climate vulnerabilities and resilience of the ACHP's offices at the National Building Museum (NBM). | In progress. | Ongoing. | The ACHP reached out to NBM leadership and the General Services Administration (GSA) – which manages the NBM building – to determine if they have assessed the building's climate vulnerabilities. GSA indicated that the building has no significant susceptibility to climate impacts. NBM stated that it will be considering climate action planning as part of proposed master planning for the museum. |
| Address the ACHP's information technology (IT) climate vulnerabilities. | In progress. | September 2023 | Full redundancy and disaster recovery capability is targeted for FY23. |

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| Identify and advance opportunities for the ACHP to advise the Administration and Congress regarding the impact of climate change and adaptation measures on historic places. | In progress. | Ongoing. | The ACHP created a Climate Change and Historic Preservation Task Force. The ACHP also is participating in the America the Beautiful Interagency Working Group. |
| Work with federal agencies to explore program alternatives for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) that could accelerate the deployment of federal projects related to climate change. | In progress. | Ongoing. | The ACHP is exploring exempting placement of certain electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) at federal facilities and non-federal locations from review under Section 106 of the NHPA. |
| Develop a plan for actions the ACHP and other federal agencies might take to address and to assist Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) in addressing climate impacts to sacred sites and other historic properties of significance to them. | Complete. | Completed June 2022. | The ACHP has developed a plan specific to Indian Tribes and NHOs that seeks to incorporate Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and identify ways to avoid and mitigate impacts to historic properties of religious and cultural significance and sacred sites resulting from climate change and emergency response. |

2. Priority Action Progress Examples

- As a member of the America the Beautiful Interagency Working Group, the ACHP held four national listening sessions on cultural resources and America the Beautiful, including two for Indian tribes and Native Hawaiians. Based on feedback from these sessions, the ACHP provided comments in response to the Department of the Interior Request for Information to Inform Interagency Efforts to Develop the American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas.
- The ACHP Task Force on Climate Change and Historic is exploring options for developing and/or promoting training for federal agency staff on climate change and historic properties.
- To advance consideration of exempting EVSE placement from Section 106 review, the ACHP sponsored a series of consultation meetings with State Historic Preservation Officers, Tribal leaders and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and NHOs. Public comment was solicited through a *Federal Register* notice and other outreach.
- The ACHP invited Tribal and Native Hawaiian representatives to participate in listening sessions to discuss their overall concerns regarding climate change and how the ACHP can promote the

effective consideration for and protection of culturally significant places in federal decision making that addresses climate change. This feedback was crucial to development of the ACHP action plan to assist Indian tribes and NHOs in addressing climate impacts to sacred sites and other historic properties.

SECTION 2: UPDATES ON OTHER INITIAL PLAN TOPICS

1. Climate-Risk Reduction

The ACHP has assessed its operating risk from climate-related hazards, however, the agency's location in leased space means that it cannot directly control climate adaptation and resilience issues for the building where its offices are housed. Regarding the agency's financial risk from climate change, the ACHP has determined such risk to be limited since ACHP does not control physical assets such as facilities or infrastructure.

2. Climate Vulnerability Assessments

The ACHP has effectively concluded that the climate vulnerability of its offices is limited. However, since the principal tenant of the building where the agency is located – the NBM – has not completed its climate action planning, the ACHP is postponing making a final assessment pending the outcome of that effort. The ACHP will seek opportunities to coordinate with NBM on climate issues as the museum's planning proceeds.

3. Climate Literacy

Consistent with the ACHP's mission to promote the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of historic properties, the agency is pursuing partnerships to develop training products that address climate change and historic properties. The agency also is using its website and social media accounts to promote public understanding regarding climate adaptation and historic properties. The ACHP has not offered formal climate change training for its employees.

4. Tribal Engagement

When addressing climate impacts on historic properties, sacred sites and landscapes, and other important cultural places of significance to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiians, the ACHP is committed to integrating consideration of tribal treaty rights and IK. Both topics are addressed in the ACHP's action plan for assisting tribes and NHOs in addressing climate impacts to historic properties and sacred sites.

5. Environmental Justice

The ACHP has addressed issues of climate environmental justice principally through its efforts to develop an action plan to assist Indian tribes and NHOs in considering climate impacts to sacred sites and other historic properties of significance to them.

6. Partnerships

The ACHP did not establish any new interagency or external partnerships on climate adaptation to date in FY 2022, but the agency is exploring the potential to partner with the Association of Climate Change Officers on development of training products that address climate change and historic properties.

SECTION 3: NEW TOPICS FROM E.O. 14057

1. Policy Review

The ACHP does not administer any grant or other funding programs and does not manage facilities or infrastructure. However, the agency promotes climate resilient investment through oversight of the federal historic preservation review and consultation process under Section 106 of the NHPA. It is agency policy

to work to ensure that this process proceeds in an effective and efficient manner, which helps to speed the implementation of climate-related projects and programs.

2. Climate Scenario Analysis

Since the ACHP does not administer any grant or other funding programs and does not manage facilities or infrastructure, the agency does not use climate data and projections in decision-making.

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