

Subject: Preservation of Historic Structures and Buildings Technical Center of Expertise

Applicability: Information

1. This ECB announces the recertification of the Preservation of Historic Structures and Buildings Technical Center of Expertise (TCX).

2. The Preservation of Historic Structures and Buildings TCX is housed in the Seattle District (NWS) and provides excellent support to USACE districts, DoD, and federal agencies for the treatment and management of the historic built environment. The program offers the highest levels of expertise and training to include credentials in historic preservation and architectural history, historical archaeology, regulatory compliance, restoration technology, and historic building and facility planning.

3. The TCX is uniquely positioned to provide services and products where planning or construction activities may affect historic structures and buildings owned by, or under jurisdiction of the USACE. A major role of the TCX is to lend consistency and quality to studies and documents to ensure the USACE maintains compliance with Section 106 and Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

4. All districts are encouraged to utilize the Preservation of Historic Structures and Buildings TCX on a reimbursable basis for: compliance with Section 106 and 110 of the NHPA; evaluation of historic and architectural significance; mitigation of adverse effects to structures; agreement documents, guidance on the repair; maintenance; and rehabilitation of historic buildings and components; and historic structures training for cultural resources personnel, facility managers and others.

5. Review Management Organization should also utilize the TCX for review of projects with sustainability goals and requirements, including existing buildings less than fifty years of age. Requests for support should be directed to the TCX Manager, Ms. Lauren McCroskey, 206-764-3538, Lauren.L.McCroskey@usace.army.mil. Additional information regarding this TCX can be found at <u>http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/HistoricPreservation.aspx</u>.

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6. The point of contact for this ECB is Mr. Scott Wick, CECW-CE, 202-761-7419, email: Scott.C.Wick@usace.army.mil.

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