This educational session is a ‘quick start guide’ for new THPOs and those seeking basic training in tribal participation in the U.S. federal preservation program. This intensive, one-day training will focus on ‘mission critical’ issues faced by THPOs and related staff as they work to establish an efficient and effective tribal program. Topics include, but are not limited to, the origins and development of THPO-Federal preservation program relations; strategic planning to scope and focus THPO programs; survey, inventory, and National Register programs; Section 106 dynamics; advising and cooperating with other governments; THPOs as sovereignty advocates; and more.

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9:00 am    Workshop Overview and Participant Introductions
9:15 am    Module 1: What is the THPO Toolkit?
9:45 am    Module 2: Terms of Engagement
10:15 am   Break
10:30 am   Module 3: Key Challenges to THPOs and Training Responses
11:15 am   Module 4: Planning and Administration
Noon       Lunch
1:00 pm    Module 5: Survey, Inventory, and National Register Functions
1:45 pm    Module 6: Section 106 Functions
2:30 pm    Break
2:45 pm    Module 7: Education, Outreach, and Consultation Beyond Tribal Lands
3:00 pm    Module 8: Connecting THPO Functions and Tribal Sovereignty
3:45 pm    Program Wrap up and Feedback
4:00 pm    Consultations with Individual Tribal Program Representatives

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