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Announcement

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THE POWER OF PRESERVATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Washington, DC: NATHPO announces a unique leadership development opportunity for tribal preservationists – **THE POWER OF PRESERVATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY** – a small group seminar to be offered May 31 through June 4, 2015, at the National Conservation and Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Designed to meet the issues that tribal historic preservationists confront today, 30 tribal representatives will have the opportunity to be part of this intensive five-day program featuring nationally known trainers, a varied and sophisticated instructional format and the chance to forge relationships with a national network of peers. This program is made possible with the generous support of American Express, the National Park Service, and individual tribes.

GOALS OF THE POWER OF PRESERVATION

- To identify and train current and potential leaders who have the ability to dramatically increase their effectiveness in their tribal communities.
- To empower local tribal preservationists to achieve preservation successes.
- To support a national network of leaders in the tribal historic preservation movement and to provide these leaders with an arsenal of techniques and strategies to engage American Indian communities and community partners in making thoughtful decisions about what aspects of the past to carry forward into the future.

In 2001, NATHPO worked with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to adapt the Trust's Preservation Leadership Training program to address issues of importance to representatives of Indian tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. The 30 tribal representatives, including Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and their staff, who participated in the 2001 model program gave it outstanding reviews.

"Thanks to the generous support of organizations like American Express, we will be providing valuable leadership training as part of our shared commitment to nurture the next generation of preservation leaders," said NATHPO president D. Bambi Kraus.

More information will be posted in the near future on the NATHPO website www.nathpo.org.

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NATHPO is a not-for-profit membership association of tribal governments that are committed to preserving, rejuvenating, and improving the status of tribal cultures and cultural practices by supporting Native languages, arts, dances, music, oral traditions, cultural properties, tribal museums, tribal cultural centers, and tribal libraries.