Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

Job Posting: Cultural Preservation Consultant (CPC)

The Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites (ISMHS) is Indiana’s only statewide museum system with a museum and administration center in downtown Indianapolis, and 11 historic sites spread throughout the state. One of these sites is Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville, Indiana. The Angel Mounds site is a National Historic Landmark as the location of a large Mississippian town that flourished there from about A.D.1000 – 1450. The ISMHS will be addressing the long-term management goals of the site through completing a cultural landscape report (CLR). In accordance with guidelines outlined by the National Park Service for drafting a CLR, the goals of the CLR will involve bringing together essential research to guide stewardship of the property. This would involve addressing preservation, restoration of natural landscapes, and information contributing to planning for site use that fully integrate Native American perspectives and recommendations.

Job Description (Duties and Responsibilities):

The ISMHS is looking for a candidate to serve as a cultural preservation consultant to assist the ISMHS in producing a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for Angel Mounds State Historic Site. The consultant will work with other team members and project stakeholders in a collaborative atmosphere to pull together information and conduct research that will provide insight into managing the site and guiding interpretation in a way that aligns with Tribal recommendations. This research will be submitted to the ISMHS as a final report that must include two key sections: an overview of the history of Tribal communities in Southwestern Indiana post circa A.D.1450 to present-day descendant Nations, and an overview of culturally significant features and treatment recommendations as identified by those Nations and others interested in the site. The format, size and nature of this report can be mutually agreed upon at the start of the term.

The candidate will serve as a core member of the CLR team and provide continued input during the term. They will be expected to conduct research that would include interviews with Tribal scholars / knowledge bearers and reviews of pertinent reports. It would also involve periodic communication with an advisory committee and other Tribal members to generate descriptions of features / characteristics of the site that are identified as priorities for possible rehabilitation/restoration efforts. The candidate will also be expected to assist ISMHS and other stakeholders in providing an on-site, (circa) 3-day meeting with all key stakeholders.

During the project, the candidate would work directly with the report author and ISMHS to provide updates on research. These updates will allow the team to begin incorporating research into the CLR draft and to ensure that the needed content aligns with the CLR goals. The timing and nature (phone calls, zoom meeting, draft outlines) of these updates can be outlined in a pre-determined schedule. The draft report will be submitted to ISMHS for comments no later than June 1, 2022. The final report will be due approximately 30 days later.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- Computer and internet proficiency and access

- Experience in conducting research

-Proficiency in writing

-Strong organizational skills - an ability to outline projects and maintain timetables

-A strong ability to work independently while embracing teamwork and collaboration

-The ability to travel as needed (one on-site meeting, plus additional travel to gather information might be needed)

-Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to communicate ideas effectively while incorporating other’s viewpoints

Preferred Skills and Qualifications:

-Experience working with or for Native American nation’s cultural or historic preservation offices, or a desire to do so

-Strong interested in stewardship of cultural landscapes

-Knowledge (through formal coursework or otherwise) of Native American history / traditions from the Ohio Valley / Great Lakes homelands

Required Education: A bachelor’s degree in a related field is preferred, but any combination of acceptable education and experience which has provided the necessary knowledge and skills to fulfill the requirements of this position, may be considered.

Salary: This is a contract position with a flat fee of $50,000. No fees, taxes or

 benefits are withheld. Payments will be submitted on a mutually agreed upon

 schedule to mark the project’s progress.

Term: December 15, 2021 (or date agreement is signed) through August 31, 2022

To Apply: Send your application along with a cover letter to: Michele Greenan, Director of Archaeology, Indiana State Museum, mgreenan@indianamuseum.org.

For more information, send questions to Michele Greenan, mgreenan@indianamuseum.org