



U.S. General Services Administration

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The General Services Administration (GSA) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) respectfully invite your participation in an in-person government-to-government listening session regarding the Seattle National Archives facility replacement project to share updates on site selection considerations and criteria, among other topics on *March 25th, 2026* at 10am in Seattle, WA.

TOPICS

The intent of this listening session is to discuss our progress and seek your input on several critical aspects of this project, including:

- Current project progress and timeline updates
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance
- Facility design and functional requirements

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Following the closure of the current existing National Archives facility located in Seattle WA, the federal government has secured \$9 million in funding for planning and design of a new facility to replace the current aging National Archives warehouse near Sand Point WA. This new facility will house the National Archives's collection of materials related to Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska - materials that are critical to telling the story of the Pacific Northwest and preserving tribal heritage.

GSA and National Archives are committed to meaningful stakeholder engagement, particularly with Indigenous tribes, following the concerns raised during the previous threatened closure discussions.

PROJECT PRIORITIES

The new facility will incorporate several key priorities:

- Improved accessibility for researchers and community members
- Enhanced digitization capabilities to extend access beyond physical locations
- Flexible spaces for community engagement and collaborative digitization efforts with space to be used by Tribal Nations
- State-of-the-art preservation systems for long-term records storage

LISTENING SESSION DETAILS

March 25th, 2026

10:00 am PDT

Federal Center South,

4735 E Marginal Wy S, Seattle, WA 98134

Register at this link: <https://NationalArchivesSeattleListeningSession.eventbrite.com>

*If attending virtually, a link will be provided upon registration

INPUT SOUGHT

Tribal perspectives and traditional knowledge are essential to ensuring this project respects tribal sovereignty and serves the needs of tribal communities. We particularly value your input on:

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- Tribal Engagement: Preferred methods for ongoing consultation during requirements development and throughout the project lifecycle
- Environmental and Cultural Resources: Considerations for site construction, including: information gathering to support the Phase 1 environmental assessment and cultural resources study
- Art and Architecture: Discussion of Executive Order (E.O.) 14344, *Making Federal Architecture Beautiful Again*

National Archives

- Cultural and historical significance of records and materials stored at the facility
- Facility design features that support tribal access and research needs
- Digitization priorities for materials of particular importance to your community

COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP

Following this listening session, we will continue to engage with tribal representatives throughout the project lifecycle at a cadence identified to work best with tribes during the listening session. We are committed to meaningful engagement that incorporates your feedback into the project.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about this consultation or to RSVP, please contact:

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We look forward to your participation and continued partnership in preserving and providing access to the rich history of the Pacific Northwest.

Respectfully,

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