

**South Dakota State Historical Society
Mortuary Survey of Hanson, Hutchinson, Turner, Yankton, and McCook Counties
RFP #25772**

Consultants' Questions

1) Based upon previous projects, what is the number of anticipated mortuary features for each county? According to March 2008 Newsletter of the South Dakota Archaeological Society (Survey for Mortuary Features in Minnehaha County) "164 mounds are projected to exist in the county." Would this be an accurate number for the counties identified in RFP #25772?

No, there are 36 total recorded mounds in the RFP counties combined.

2) The RFP states "Set up consultation between tribal representatives and SHPO staff." Which tribes are to be included in the consultation?

The 9 tribes in South Dakota should be contacted if they would like to take part in the consultation. A list of contact information will be provided to the consultant.

3) Is one of the two mortuary surveys (or another) available for review prior to submittal of the proposal? *

No, not the entire survey but a sample of the original Minnehaha county survey is available upon request to amy.rubingh@state.sd.us .

4) What repositories and sources can quickly and accurately provide historical and geographical information about the sites?

The South Dakota Archaeological Research Center can complete a search for this information.

5) Regarding the public meetings referenced in 3.1.2—are 5 county meetings, with one for each county, expected, or is one meeting to include all counties preferred? *

Two meetings will be held: one meeting with the contractor, SHPO, and county officials from each of the counties; then a second meeting with the contractor, SHPO, and tribal representatives.

6) In the same section, is the contractor expected to participate in consultation with tribes, including attending one or more meetings, or just to notify tribes of the project and direct them to SHPO with comments? *

The contractor will attend the meeting with the tribes since they will be the ones on the ground doing the work and the tribes are often concerned with what is going to be happening on the ground. As for tribes requesting information directly from the contractor, in that situation requests should be referred to the SHPO.

7) Is a Class III field inventory of each prehistoric mortuary site part of the project? (The RFP is unclear on this point. Page 2 indicates a Class III field inventory of each site and page 7 suggests merely a Class I literature review of each site.)

Both will be done. The Level I literature review will be done. Then based on that information the areas of Level III field inventory will be chosen and survey conducted.

8) If a Class III inventory of each site is necessary, then does the contractor arrange landowner permission to access the sites or does SHPO arrange landowner permission to access the sites?

The contractor arranges landowner permission to access the sites.

9) How many public meetings are anticipated for the project? Does the contractor have to arrange/rent meeting space? If there are multiple meetings, can they be scheduled to occur on successive days? Are tribal representatives expected to be present at the public meeting(s) with county and SHPO officials?

Two meetings will be held. The contractor is to arrange the meeting space and they can occur on successive days. The intention behind the meetings is to have one meeting with the contractor, SHPO and county officials; then a second meeting with the contractor, SHPO and tribal representatives.

**Repeat questions were eliminated.*