The American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) supports cultural resource management (CRM) firms, cultural resources discipline groups, and their affiliates. Our annual meeting is a prime venue to exchange ideas and meet new colleagues. It is through member participation that our conference program can expand each year, bringing new ideas and evoking teamwork as we strive to make our industry stronger. Our 26th annual conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas from September 23–27, 2020. This year’s conference theme — CRM: Bridging Agencies, Industries, and the Community — highlights the important role CRM firms fill, from helping clients successfully navigate established processes to ensuring that the voices of community members are heard. This ideology is particularly true in our host city as San Antonio has deep connections to heritage tourism and the inclusion of the public in CRM work.

The ACRA Conference Committee is soliciting proposals for sessions to be held during the annual meeting. Using the conference theme as a general guide, sessions can reflect a variety of CRM topics, including business operations, reaching out to the academy, continued education, technological advances, advocacy, and best practices. Sessions can involve an individual speaker, a suite of presenters, or a panel (maximum of four panelists); they can also revolve around a presentation or an interactive activity. Each session will last between 45 minutes and two hours, depending on the topic. Our goal is to craft a well-rounded program that will provide value to our attendees. It is anticipated that the session moderator will work with the Conference Committee on content and session requirements.

Please submit the following information to ACRA conference chair, Kerri Barile (kbarile@dovetailcrg.com), by March 15, 2020.

- Name of Moderator
- Type of Session (single speaker, suite of speakers, panel, work session, other)
- Proposed Speakers/Panelists (if known)
- Session Title
- Brief Session Summary Including Requested Length of Session Slot
- Unique Attributes/Benefit to ACRA Conference Attendees
- Anticipated Technical Needs
- Anticipated Financial Needs Including Travel Funds

If you have any questions on this solicitation or the conference planning process in general, contact Chair Kerri Barile (kbarile@dovetailcrg.com) or ACRA Executive Director Amanda Stratton (amanda@acra-crm.org). Additional information on the organization can be found at www.acra-crm.org.