



2012 HALS Challenge

Documenting the American Latino Landscape

The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) was created in 2000 to document our country's dynamic landscapes. Much progress has been made in identifying cultural landscapes but more is needed to document these designed and vernacular places. For the 2012 HALS Challenge, we pose an initiative to document historic landscapes that reflect American Latino heritage. Each state is hereby challenged to complete at least one HALS *short format history* to increase awareness of the role of Latino groups in shaping the American landscape.

*Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2012.**

The diversity of the landscapes of America reflects the diversity of our people. Campuses, cemeteries, gardens, neighborhoods, parks, plazas, ranches, villages, etc. all can represent a unique cultural landscape identity.

HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and template may be downloaded from the HALS website:
www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm

Rewards - There will be many benefits for accepting this challenge and completing a HALS Short Format History.

- Cash Prizes!
- An excuse for enjoying a day of exploration
- Personal satisfaction for doing your part
- Valuable publicity for yourself and your firm
- Increase credentials for HALS contracts



Mesilla Plaza HALS NM-2



San Xavier del Bac Mission HABS AZ-13



Spanish Custom House HABS LA-18-3



Balboa Park House of Hospitality HABS CA-1963-D-4

Background: Spanish Governor's Palace HABS TX-3540