

remarks and approval of minutes; highlights of Tennessee Roundtable; rollout of S&E Indicators Elementary and Secondary STEM education report; discuss S&E Indicators 2022 engagement plan; and discuss Strategic Engagement Tool.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Point of contact for this meeting is: Nadine Lymn, nlymn@nsf.gov, 703/292-7000. To listen to this teleconference, members of the public must send an email to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference. The National Science Board Office will send requesters a toll-free dial-in number. Meeting information and updates may be found at the National Science Board website at www.nsf.gov/nsb.

Chris Blair,

Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by August 26, 2021. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-7420, or ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 671), as amended by the Antarctic

Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2022-004

1. *Applicant:* Dr. Dale Andersen, SETI Institute, 189 Bernardo Ave. #200, Mountain View, CA 94043

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste management. The applicant seeks a waste management permit to conduct multi-disciplinary research activities to expand both short- and long-term studies of ecological responses in Antarctic ecosystems. This permit covers accidental release of wastes generated through planned research and logistical operations. Wastes include solid and liquid waste, including designated pollutants and release to air. The applicant has provided a detailed mitigation plan for these categories of waste as well as a plan for removal of waste at the end of deployment. The applicant also plans to use small, battery-operated, remotely controlled aircraft systems to collect imagery to aid in the mapping of geomorphological structures and to collect information on local climate. Aircrafts will be flown at altitudes less than 100m by experienced pilots and will not fly over concentrations of wildlife, should any be in the area.

Location: Queen Maud Land, East Antarctica.

Dates of Permitted Activities: October 20, 2021–February 28, 2026.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the

first was published in the **Federal Register** and one comment was received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Hispanic-Serving Institutions Certification.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0247.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

Abstract: To enhance the quality of undergraduate STEM education at Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), the National Science Foundation (NSF) established the Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program), in response to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-31) and the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act (Pub. L. 114-329). The lead institution submitting a proposal to the HSI Program must be an HSI as defined by

law in section 502 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a) (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-110publ315/html/PLAW-110publ315.htm>). Hence there is a need for institutions to self-certify via an HSI Certification Form.

The HSI Program includes a specific track that provides a funding opportunity for institutions that are new to NSF[5] or are Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs [6]), including community colleges. PUIs are “accredited colleges and universities (including two-year community colleges) that award Associates degrees, Bachelor’s degrees, and/or Master’s degrees in NSF-supported fields, but have awarded 20 or fewer Ph.D./D.Sci. degrees in all NSF-supported fields during the combined previous two academic years.” PUI definition obtained from https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5518.

Hence there is a need for institutions to provide a self-certification of PUI eligibility for this track. The following language is used:

Certification of PUI Eligibility. A Certification of PUI Eligibility, following the format below and executed by an Authorized Organizational Representative, must be included in PUI requests (Planning or Pilot Projects (PPP) only). A current, signed Certification, included on institutional letterhead, should be scanned and included as a PDF file.

Certification of PUI Eligibility

By submission of this proposal, the institution hereby certifies that the originating and managing institution is an accredited college or university that awards Associates degrees, Bachelor’s degrees, and/or Master’s degrees in NSF-supported fields, but has awarded 20 or fewer Ph.D./D.Sci. degrees in all NSF-supported fields during the combined previous two academic years.

Authorized Organizational Representative

Typed Name and Title

Signature

Date

Expected respondents: Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

Estimate of burden: We anticipate 175 proposals for 2 minutes which is approximately 6 hours.

Dated: July 21, 2021.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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Application Details

Permit Application: 2022–005

1. *Applicant:* Leidos Innovations Group, Antarctic Support Contract; 7400 S Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Harmful Interference, introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant is requesting a permit for two aspects of the Palmer Pier Replacement Project—the potential harmful interference to avian species and the introduction of non-indigenous species for use in a Marine Sanitation Device—to support the National Science Foundation (NSF) funded United States

Antarctic Program (USAP) construction of a new pier. A permit is requested for potential harmful interference of avian species during the construction process. Noise generated by the demolition of the existing pier and construction of a new pier may cause disturbance to avian species in the vicinity of the project area. Mitigation measures will be put into place to minimize potential disturbance to wildlife in the area.

The applicant also requests a permit for the importation of commercially available, proprietary bacterial supplements for use in Marine Sanitation Devices aboard vessels deployed in support of the Palmer Pier Replacement Project. These supplements are used to improve wastewater treatment operation. Bacteria would not be released into the environment, and all effluent is to undergo complete disinfection prior to discharge.

Location: Palmer Station, Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates of Permitted Activities: October 1, 2021–January 31, 2023.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

The National Science Board’s Committee on Strategy hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

TIME AND DATE: Friday, July 30, 2021, from 10:00–11:00 a.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference through the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks; Discussion of NSF’s 2022–2026 Strategic Plan.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: Chris Blair, cblair@nsf.gov, 703/292–7000. Meeting information and updates may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>. Please refer to the National Science