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The WebEx number is: 2762 920 8201 and the password is 8yiSPwY3MM2 (89477993 from phones). To join by telephone call, use US Toll: +1–415–527–5035 (Access Code: 276 292 08201).

**Accessibility:** Captioning will be provided for this meeting. We are committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or other reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. KarShelia Kinard, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–2355 or [karshelia.kinard@nasa.gov](mailto:karshelia.kinard@nasa.gov).

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Planetary Science Division Update
- Planetary Science Division Research and Analysis Program Update

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

**Patricia Rausch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration.*

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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 June 27, 2022. 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 or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–4479.

**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 as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

### Application Details

#### Permit Application: 2023–003

1. *Applicant:* Birgitte McDonald, Moss Landing Marine Labs, 8272 Moss Landing Rd., Moss Landing, CA 95039

#### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take, Harmful Interference, Enter in Antarctic Special Protected Area, Import to USA. The applicant requests authorization to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA) No. 124, Cape Crozier, to conduct physiological and ecological studies on emperor penguins (*Aptenodytes forsteri*). The two-part project aims to address fundamental information gaps about the foraging ecology and habitat use of emperor penguins at two stages of their life history. During phase one of the research, the applicant proposes capturing up to 48 adult emperor penguins as they depart colonies to forage during late chick-rearing. Captured penguins will undergo morphological and physiological sampling and will be fitted with instrumentation used for collecting foraging data. During the second phase of research, the applicant proposes capturing up to 44 adult emperor penguins during early reproduction phases, this second group of individuals will be fitted with satellite-linked instrumentation and tissue samples will

be collected. Some of the data loggers will be retrieved from individuals at the end of the study, while others will detach during subsequent molting.

#### Location

Cape Crozier, ASPA No. 124; Eastern Ross Sea, Antarctica

#### Dates of Permitted Activities

October 1, 2022–May 30, 2023

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Call for Public Comment on the Draft U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) Decadal Strategic Plan, 2022–2031

**AGENCY:** Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), in collaboration with the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), requests comment from the public on its draft Decadal Strategic Plan.

**DATES:** Interested persons and organizations are invited to submit comments before 11:59 p.m. ET, 15 July 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the USGCRP R&C System (<https://review.globalchange.gov>) by the deadline. Due to time constraints, mailed paper submissions will not be accepted. The review system will be taken off-line at close of the review window, so there will be no means to submit late comments.

**Instructions:** Response to this notice is voluntary. Responses to this notice may be used by the government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. OSTP therefore requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this notice. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct technical questions to David Dokken (Senior Program Officer) at [ddokken@usgcrp.gov](mailto:ddokken@usgcrp.gov). Process concerns should be addressed to Michael Kuperberg (USGCRP Executive Director) at [mkuperberg@usgcrp.gov](mailto:mkuperberg@usgcrp.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With the implementation phase of USGCRP's

previous plan winding down (<https://downloads.globalchange.gov/strategic-plan/2012/usgcrp-strategic-plan-2012.pdf>), work began on a successor in the spring of 2021. The National Science and Technology Council provided USGCRP with guidance to produce a plan that was short (30 pages) and accessible to an informed lay reader. In pursuit of a high-level, non-technical narrative, over the past year, inputs were solicited from USGCRP member agencies and interagency working groups, as well as external organizations such as the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM). Listening sessions were conducted within the Federal community and via NASEM external outreach on the Program's behalf. Public comment on a draft prospectus was sought (22 November 2021–11 January 2022) to determine if the overall vision resonated with intended audiences and if the identified strategic pillars adequately established near-term priorities while providing the flexibility to address longer term challenges. The draft narrative is now being provided both to the public and to NASEM to seek input.

USGCRP seeks feedback on program priorities and accompanying narrative in the strategic pillar sections. Respondents should consider (i) ideas on emerging, large-scale scientific questions related to global change and/or response, especially those where interagency collaboration will be critical; (ii) specific information on how science is or is not being used to inform societal response to climate change, and why; and (iii) knowledge gaps and obstacles to implementing scientific tools or knowledge.

Individuals wishing to participate in the public review of the draft 2022–2031 USGCRP Strategic Plan are encouraged to register via the USGCRP Review and Comment (R&C) System (<https://review.globalchange.gov>). The document and instructions are available from 20 May to 15 July 2022.

The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) coordinates research across 13 Federal agencies to understand the human-induced and natural processes that influence the total Earth system—the atmosphere, land, water, ecosystems, and people. USGCRP was established by Presidential Initiative in 1989 and mandated by Congress in the Global Change Research Act (GCRA) of 1990 (Sec 104, Pub. L. 101–606; <https://www.globalchange.gov/about/legal-mandate>). The GCRA calls for a 10-year plan with periodic

updates. More detail on USGCRP strategic planning processes to date can be found at <https://www.globalchange.gov/engage/process-products/strategic-planning>. USGCRP builds on a foundation of Federal investments in research and development to ensure that America leads in basic and applied global change research.

The draft Plan was prepared and vetted by Federal agency officials comprising the Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR), which provides overall direction and executive oversight of the Program. SGCR, whose membership includes representatives of scientific and implementing agencies, is a standing body of the Committee on Environment, a component of the National Science and Technology Council.

Dated: May 19, 2022.

**Stacy Murphy,**

*Operations Manager.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**[Investment Company Act Release No. 34590; File No. 812–15208]**

**Lafayette Square Empire BDC, Inc., et al**

May 20, 2022.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice of application for an order (“Order”) under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act.

**Summary of Application:** Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies (“BDCs”) and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

**Applicants:** Lafayette Square Empire BDC, Inc., Lafayette Square Mid-Atlantic BDC, Inc., Lafayette Square Far West BDC, Inc., Lafayette Square Gulf Coast BDC, Inc., and LS BDC Adviser, LLC.

**Filing Dates:** The application was filed on March 11, 2021 and amended

on September 16, 2021, December 21, 2021, and April 8, 2022.

**Hearing or Notification of Hearing:** An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC’s Secretary at [Secretarys-Office@sec.gov](mailto:Secretarys-Office@sec.gov) and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 14, 2022, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission’s Secretary at [Secretarys-Office@sec.gov](mailto:Secretarys-Office@sec.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission: [Secretarys-Office@sec.gov](mailto:Secretarys-Office@sec.gov). Applicants: David Kraut, [kraut@lafayettesquare.com](mailto:kraut@lafayettesquare.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Ehrlich, Senior Counsel, or Lisa Reid Ragen, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For Applicants’ representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants’ third amended and restated application, dated April 8, 2022, which may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC’s EDGAR system. The SEC’s EDGAR system may be searched at, at <http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/legacy/companysearch.html>. You may also call the SEC’s Public Reference Room at (202) 551–8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier,**  
*Assistant Secretary.*

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