

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 10, 2014. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Li Ling Hamady, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov) or (703) 292-7149.

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

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2014-006) to Eric Stangeland of Quark Expeditions on September 18, 2013. The issued permit allows the applicant to conduct waste management activities associated with tourism activities including shore excursions, kayaking, camping, cross country skiing, ice climbing and mountaineering in the Antarctic Peninsula region. Mitigation measures are in place to reduce the risk of non-native species introductions and the risk of spills.

A recent modification to this permit, dated February 13, 2014, permitted the applicant to allow for the conduct of waste management activities associated with conducting ice swimming and remote controlled camera copter activities.

Now the applicant proposes a modification to his permit to allow for the conduct of waste management activities associated with downhill skiing, polar plunging, and stand up paddleboarding (SUPing).

The SUPing activity would consist of up to 10 passengers per excursion. Quark staff would maintain a watch for leopard seals and killer whales and abort the activity if these animals are sighted. SUPers would be accompanied by 2 Quark staff, one on a SUP and one in a zodiac in case of emergency. Mitigation measures would be in place

to reduce the risk of non-native species introductions and the risk of spills ashore.

The polar plunge activity would consist of participants entering the water wearing a bathing suit, for about 5-15 seconds. This activity would take place either away from land, with passengers wearing a safety belt, tethered to the ship, or from a beach landing. A safety zodiac with at least two staff members will be deployed and staff would maintain a watch for leopard seals and killer whales and abort the activity if these animals are sighted. If the activity requires a beach landing, mitigation measures would be in place to reduce the risk of non-native species introductions and the risk of spills ashore.

The downhill ski activity is the same as was described for the one-off activity detailed in the applicant's original permit application. The applicant wishes to carry out this activity again this season, and in future seasons depending on passenger demand.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region.

**DATES:** (that the mod would be valid) November 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Engineering Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Engineering Advisory Committee Meeting #1170.

*Date/Time:* October 22, 2014: 12:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. October 23, 2014: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* OPEN.

*Contact Person:* Evette Rollins, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 505, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone 703-292-8300.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

*Agenda:*

*Wednesday, October 22, 2014*

- The Federal Advanced Manufacturing Landscape
- The Future of Advanced Manufacturing
- Directorate for Engineering Update

- OSTP Perspective on Engineering at NSF
- Thursday, October 23, 2014*
- Perspectives from the Office of the Director
  - Planning for ENG AdCom Subcommittee Work
  - Overview, Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (CBET)
  - Roundtable on ENG Strategic Activities and Recommendations

Dated: October 6, 2014.

**Suzanne Plimpton,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Request for Input (RFI)—National Big Data R&D Initiative; Correction

**AGENCY:** The National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD), NSF.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Wendy Wigen at 703-292-4873 or [wigen@nitrd.gov](mailto:wigen@nitrd.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**DATES:** To be considered, written comments must be received by November 14, 2014.

**SUMMARY:** This is a correction to the previous submission published on October 2, 2014, at 79 FR 59520. The changes are limited to the insertion of links to various documents referenced within this notice. For additional information and supporting information please see the NITRD Web site, [www.nitrd.gov](http://www.nitrd.gov). This request encourages feedback from multiple big data stakeholders to inform the development of a framework, set of priorities, and ultimately a strategic plan for the National Big Data R&D Initiative. A number of areas of interest have been identified by agency representatives in the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Big Data Senior Steering Group (BDSSG) as well as the many members of the big data R&D community that have participated in BDSSG events and workshops over the past several years. This RFI is a critical step in developing a cross-agency strategic plan that has broad community input and that can be referenced by all Federal agencies as they move forward over the next five to ten years with their own big data R&D programs, policies, partnerships, and activities.