

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of instrument (form/activity)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden time per response (hours)	Estimated burden hours
Youth Apprenticeship interview protocol—follow-up with program staff	⁸ 6	1	6	1.0	6
Total	173	173	234.5

¹ Assumes 23 Scaling Apprenticeship and 28 Closing the Skill Gap grantees over the three-year clearance period.

² Assumes interviews with 5 staff in state programs in 15 states over the three-year clearance period.

³ Assumes interviews with 6 staff in lead organizations in 15 states over the three-year clearance period.

⁴ Assumes interviews with 10 staff in local partner organizations in 15 states over the three-year clearance period.

⁵ Assumes interviews with 2 staff with employers in 15 states over the three-year clearance period.

⁶ Assumes interviews with 4 program staff in 9 sites over the three-year clearance period.

⁷ Assumes interviews with 6 program partner staff in 9 sites over the three-year clearance period.

⁸ Assumes follow-up interviews with 2 program staff in 9 sites over the three-year clearance period.

Christina Yancey,

Chief Evaluation Officer, U.S. Department of Labor.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (21-008)]

Planetary Science Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Planetary Science Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Monday, March 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time; and Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Virtual meeting via WebEx and dial-in teleconference only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karshelia Henderson, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2355 or khenderson@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As noted above, this meeting will be available to the public telephonically and by WebEx only. The meeting event for attendees is: <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/j.php?MTID=m1aafd71607930a725986be629a61990e>. The event meeting number is 199 538 6929 and the

password is PAC_March2021. For audio, when joining the Webex event, you may use your computer or provide your phone number to receive a call back. Otherwise, call the U.S. toll conference number: 1-415-527-5035 and enter the access code 199 538 6929.

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 March 4, 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: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-8030, or ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 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: 2021-007

1. *Applicant:* Lynne Talley, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093-0230.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Type, description of activity.

Location

Waste Management. The applicant is seeking a waste management permit for waste management activities associated with the deployment of floating oceanographic profiling instruments (Argo floats) in Southern Ocean waters. The Argo floats would autonomously collect temperature, salinity, oxygen, pH, nitrate, fluorescence, backscatter, and irradiance from 0 to 2000 m, every 10 days. The floats would freely drift and would likely leave and enter the

region over the course of their operational lifetimes. The applicant proposes to release a maximum of 150 Argo floats south of 60°S during the permit period. Float dimensions are 75 inches tall by 9 inches diameter, weighing approximately 65 lbs. Each float includes 19DD lithium cells, with approximately 0.198 gm of lithium. The floats would drift at 1000 m depth and come to the surface every 10 days. Their lifetime is approximately 5 years, after which the batteries would be depleted and the floats would no longer surface, but would remain in the ocean and sink to the ocean floor. The Argo floats deployed in the Southern Ocean would be part of a global array. The Argo array provides operational and research data that inform nowcast and forecast services, contributing to saving lives, avoiding property damage, and informing the public and government responses to environmental variability and change.

Dates of Permitted Activities

February 1, 2021–October 31, 2025.

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Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Comment Request; National Science Foundation Major Facilities Guide

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is providing opportunity for public comment on revisions to the NSF Major Facilities Guide (MFG).

DATES: Written comments should be received by April 5, 2021 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Rm. W 18253, Alexandria, VA 22314, or by email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Major Facilities Guide.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0239.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2022.

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

Proposed Project: The primary purpose of this revision is to provide expectations for construction schedules for alignment with good practices, minimum competencies for project personnel, and guidance on the content of Segregation of Funding Plans and how to scale earned value management systems (EVMS). The draft version of the NSF MFG is available on the NSF website at: http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo_documents.jsp.

To facilitate review, a Change Log with brief comment explanations of the changes is provided in the guide. NSF is particularly interested in public comment on the new content provided in Section 4.3 Schedule Development, Estimating, and Analysis and in Section 4.6.6 Project Personnel and Competencies.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81-507) set forth NSF's mission and purpose:

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense.* * *”

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

Among Federal agencies, NSF is a leader in providing the academic community with advanced instrumentation needed to conduct state-of-the-art research and to educate the next generation of scientists, engineers, and technical workers. The knowledge generated by these tools

sustains U.S. leadership in science and engineering (S&E) to drive the U.S. economy and secure the future. NSF's responsibility is to ensure that the research and education communities have access to these resources, and to provide the support needed to utilize them optimally, and implement timely upgrades.

The scale of advanced instrumentation ranges from small research instruments to shared resources or facilities that can be used by entire communities. The demand for such instrumentation is very high, and is growing rapidly, along with the pace of discovery. For major facilities and shared infrastructure, the need is particularly high. This trend is expected to accelerate in the future as increasing numbers of researchers and educators rely on such large facilities, instruments, and databases to provide the reach to make the next intellectual leaps.

NSF currently provides support for facility construction from two accounts: The Major Research Equipment and Facility Construction (MREFC) account, and the Research and Related Activities (R&RA) account. The MREFC account, established in FY 1995, is an agency-wide capital account which provides funding for the construction stage of major facilities, roughly \$100M or greater, and mid-scale projects in the range of approximately \$20-\$100M.

Facilities are defined as shared-use infrastructure, instrumentation and equipment that are accessible to a broad community of researchers and/or educators. Facilities may be centralized or may consist of distributed installations. They may incorporate large-scale networking or computational infrastructure, multi-user instruments or networks of such instruments, or other infrastructure, instrumentation and equipment having a major impact on a broad segment of a scientific or engineering discipline. Historically, awards have been made for such diverse projects as accelerators, telescopes, research vessels and aircraft, and geographically distributed but networked sensors and instrumentation.

The growth and diversification of large facility projects require that NSF remain attentive to the ever-changing issues and challenges inherent in their planning, construction, operation, management, and oversight. Most importantly, dedicated, competent NSF and awardee staff are needed to manage and oversee these projects; giving the attention and oversight that good practice dictates and that proper accountability to taxpayers and Congress demands. To this end, there is