

**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 December 6, 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 or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-8030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670), 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: 2022-021*

1. *Applicant* Henry Wulff, Altas Ocean Voyages, 1 E Broward Blvd., Suite 800, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33301.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Waste Management. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit for waste management activities associated with the use of remotely piloted aircrafts (RPAs) in Antarctica. RPAs will be flown by experienced, pre-approved pilots for educational, commercial, or marketing purposes only. RPAs will only be flown in fair-weather conditions with wind speeds less than 7m/s. Aircrafts will not be flown over any concentrations of wildlife, or any Antarctic Specially Protected or Specially Managed Areas or any Historic Sites and Monuments without authorization. Operators and observers will maintain visual line of sight with the aircraft during all flight operations,

and measures will be in place to prevent loss of aircraft during operations. The applicant seeks a waste management permit to cover any accidental release that may result from the use of RPAs.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula Region.  
*Dates of Permitted Activities:* December 1, 2021–March 31, 2022.

*Permit Application: 2022-022*

2. *Applicant:* Deirdre Dirkman, Vantage Travel, 90 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Waste Management. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit for waste management activities associated with the use of remotely piloted aircrafts (RPAs) in Antarctica. Flights of RPAs will be limited to commercial, educational, and marketing use only. Aircraft are only to be flown by experienced, pre-approved pilots in fair weather conditions. RPAs will not be flown over any concentrations of wildlife, Antarctic Specially Protected or Specially Managed Areas or any Antarctic Historic Sites and Monuments without appropriate authorization. Operators will always maintain visual line of site with aircraft during flight to monitor activities and prevent loss of aircraft. Observers will assist in monitoring and observe for any wildlife or potential hazards. The applicant seeks a permit to cover any accidental release that may result from RPA use.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula Region.  
*Dates of Permitted Activities:* December 1, 2021–March 31, 2022.

*Permit Application: 2022-023*

3. *Applicant:* Tom Russell, Swan Hellenic Antarctic, 1800 SE 10th Ave., #240, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Waste Management. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Permit for waste management activities associated with use of remotely piloted aircrafts (RPAs) in Antarctica. Aircrafts will be launched from land or by boat and will be used for commercial, marketing, or educational purposes only. RPAs will not be flown over any concentrations of wildlife, Antarctic Specially Protected or Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments without appropriate authorization. Aircraft are only to be flown by experienced, pre-approved pilots in fair weather conditions and in the presence of an observer, who will observe the flight area for potential hazards. Measures are in place to prevent loss of the aircraft.

The applicant seeks a waste management permit to cover any accidental releases that may result from RPA use.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula Region.  
*Dates of Permitted Activities:* December 1, 2021–March 31, 2021.

*Permit Application: 2022-024*

4. *Applicant:* Michael Hjorth, Albatros Expeditions, 4770 Biscayne Blvd., PHR, Miami, FL 33137.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Waste Management. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit for waste management activities associated with the use of Remotely piloted aircrafts (RPAs) and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in Antarctica. RPAs will be flown by experienced, pre-approved pilots for educational, commercial, or marketing purposes. Aircrafts will not be flown over any concentrations of wildlife, or any Antarctic Specially Protected or Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments without appropriate authorization. Operators will maintain visual line of sight with the aircraft during all flight operations, and measures will be in place to prevent loss of aircraft during operations. Observers will be present to observe for any wildlife or other potential hazards. ATVs will be used to support onshore activities and will be refueled once daily. Refueling of ATVs will be done by experienced staff and precautions will be taken to prevent any accidental release of fuel. Supplies will be on hand to assist in cleanup of any fuel spilled during operations. The applicant seeks a waste management permit to cover any accidental release that may result from the use of RPAs or ATVs.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula Region.  
*Dates of Permitted Activities:* December 1, 2021–March 31, 2022.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program 30th Anniversary Commemoration

**AGENCY:** Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program National Coordination Office (NCO), National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The NITRD Subcommittee will hold a virtual public meeting to mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of the High-Performance Computing (HPC) Act of 1991 and the launching of the High-Performance Computing and Communications Program, now known as the NITRD Program. One of the key parts of this legislation was to establish an effective mechanism to coordinate HPC, networking, and information technology (IT) research and development (R&D) undertaken by the agencies of the Federal Government. The legislation also expanded Federal funding support for HPC and IT R&D to ensure continued technological leadership in these areas by the United States. The Act aimed to provide U.S. researchers and educators, as well as government and the public, with the advanced computing and information resources they needed for achievement of personal, business, and public goals. The NITRD mission has expanded over the last three decades as the capabilities of advanced computing, networking, and IT technologies increased dramatically. Join us as we recognize and celebrate the origins and expansion of America's IT innovation highway.

**DATES:** December 2, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually through Zoom, 12 Noon (EST).

*Instructions:* Registration is required. You will be asked to provide your name, email address, and affiliation. The meeting link will be available on <https://www.nitrd.gov/nitrd-30th-anniversary-commemoration/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Diana Weber at [nco@nitrd.gov](mailto:nco@nitrd.gov) or call 202-459-9684. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background/Objectives/Overview:* The NITRD Program is the Nation's primary source of federally funded IT R&D, critical to promoting and protecting American leadership in science and technology (S&T) innovation. The NITRD Program focuses its work on addressing strategic IT R&D imperatives that lead to cutting-edge computing, networking, and information technologies that support U.S. national security, economic competitiveness, and individual health and well-being. One of the key parts of the 1991 legislation was to establish a mechanism to lead the coordination and planning of multiagency and multisector HPC R&D to maximize the effectiveness of the Federal Government's R&D investments

and the transition of discoveries to societal benefit. This vital mission has expanded over the years to include coordination of Federal agencies' R&D broadly across critical computing- and IT-related topics in advanced wireless technologies, artificial intelligence, big data, cybersecurity, health IT, networked physical systems, privacy protection, robotics, and software productivity and sustainability. Through NITRD, Federal agencies exchange information; collaborate on research activities such as testbeds, workshops, strategic planning, and cooperative solicitations; and focus their R&D resources on common goals of making new discoveries and/or developing new technology solutions to address our Nation's most critical priorities. As an example, NITRD-linked HPC and IT R&D underpinned U.S. leadership in fighting COVID-19, not only to speed discovery of therapeutics and vaccines but also to support Americans in conducting their personal relationships, education, healthcare, and businesses remotely wherever possible. *The increased national commitment to IT R&D has been reflected in the growth in combined investment requests by NITRD's Federal member agencies from less than \$5 million in 1991 to nearly \$6.5 billion requested for FY2021. For more information about the NITRD Program, please visit our website: <https://www.nitrd.gov/about/>.*

Submitted by the National Science Foundation in support of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO) on November 2, 2021.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Notice of Meeting**

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

*Name and Committee Code:* Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (#1171).

*Date and Time:* December 2-3, 2021; 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (ET)

*Place:* NSF, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. Virtual AC

Meeting via Zoom. Advance registration is required: SBE Fall 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting Registration Link.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Deborah Olster, Office of the Assistant Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences; National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: (703) 292-8700.

*Summary of Minutes:* Will be available on the SBE advisory committee website at: <https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/advisory.jsp>.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation on major goals and policies pertaining to Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) programs and activities.

**Agenda Items**

- Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Previous Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Summary, Preview of Agenda
- Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Update
- Division of Social and Economic Sciences Committee of Visitors
- NSF Activities Related to Climate Change
- Interagency Subcommittee on Open Science
- America's Data Hub
- Translation, Innovation and Partnerships
- New AC Member Presentation
- National Institutes of Health/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Activities
- COVID-19 Research Update
- Meeting with NSF Leadership
- Directorates for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences and for Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering (CISE): Collaborative Opportunities
- Research Infrastructure in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences
- SBE AC Subcommittees
- Wrap-up, Assignments and Closing Remarks

Dated: November 1, 2021.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued.