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**Susanne Bolton,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Human Resource Development; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Site Visit; Proposal Review Panel Human Resource Development (#1199).

*Date/Time:*

November 1, 2011; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

November 2-3, 2011; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Place:* Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Kelly Mack, Division of Human Resource Development, Room 815, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA (703) 292-8575.

*Purpose of Meeting:* NSF site visit to conduct a renewal review during year 3 of the award period as stipulated in the cooperative agreement.

*Agenda:* To conduct an in depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

#### Tuesday, November 1

5 p.m.—10 p.m. Closed—Executive Session.

#### Wednesday, November 2

8:30 a.m.—12 Noon Open—Program Presentation.

1 p.m.—6 p.m. Closed—Interviews with Selected Institutional Staff.

#### Thursday, November 3

8:30 a.m.—12 Noon Closed—Interviews with Selected Institutional Staff.

1 p.m.—6 p.m. Closed—Executive Session, review and drafting site visit report.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for Quark Expeditions' cruise ships to conduct a number of activities, including: shore excursions via zodiac or helicopter, camping ashore or extended stays, mountaineering, kayaking, helicopter flight seeing/emergency landings, and skiing. The application is submitted by Quark Expeditions of Waterbury, Vermont and submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application within October 31, 2011. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NSF's Antarctic Waste Regulation, 45 CFR part 671, requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica. NSF has received a permit application under this Regulation for conduct of activities such as shore excursions, helicopter landings, camping, where emergency provisions will be taken ashore that would include cook stoves, fuel, radios, batteries, etc. and may include the generation of waste. In addition, mountaineering activities that would include use of emergency provisions, crampons, ice axes, climbing harnesses, carabiners, and prusik slings.

Designated pollutants that would be associated with the various excursions

are typically air emissions and waste water (urine, grey-water, and human solid waste). All wastes would be packaged and removed to the ship(s) for proper disposal in Chile or the U.S. under approved guidelines prior to the end of each season.

*The permit:* Eric Stangeland, Executive VP Operations, Quark Expeditions, Inc., Waterbury, VT Permit application No. 2012 WM-004.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Announcement of strategic plan outline and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice advises the public that the public comment period for the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) Strategic Plan is now open. Every ten years, in accordance with the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (Sec 104, Pub. L. 101-606), the USGCRP must produce a 10 year National Global Change Research Plan (*i.e.* a Strategic Plan for the USGCRP). The public comment period invites the public to provide comments and feedback on the U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan.

**DATES:** Public Comments are due by November 29, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** To download the draft Strategic Plan, visit: <http://strategicplancomments.globalchange.gov>. Respondents are encouraged to submit comments through the same Web site. Comments may also be sent to [strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov](mailto:strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov). Detailed instructions for electronic mail submissions are also available at [http://strategicplancomments.globalchange.gov/email\\_guidelines](http://strategicplancomments.globalchange.gov/email_guidelines).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any questions about the content of this request should be sent to Dr. Julie Morris, Technical Coordinator for the Strategic Plan, U.S. Global Change Research Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone (202) 223-6262, Fax (202) 223-3065, e-mail [strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov](mailto:strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Strategic Plan Goals: The following goals frame the U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan: