

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,490.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 5,490.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 458 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

Dated: November 27, 2017.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Quick Business Survey Operations Test; Office of the Secretary

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) proposal titled, "Quick Business Survey Operations Test," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before January 2, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201709-122-001](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201709-122-001) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not

required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor—OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for the proposed information collection titled, Quick Business Survey Operations Test (QBS). BLS will conduct the test to evaluate QBS survey processes and operations in a possible production environment. A QBS would allow the BLS to collect information about the U.S. economy in a more efficient manner than is currently possible and would allow data users to understand the impacts of specific events on the economy in a timely manner. The BLS Authorizing Statute authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 1, 2.

This proposed information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. For additional information, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on July 10, 2017 (82 FR 31786).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB ICR Reference Number 201709-122-001. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL-BLS.

*Title of Collection:* Quick Business Survey Operations Test.

*OMB ICR Reference Number:* 201709-1220-001.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,932.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 10,932.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 1,093 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

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**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Information Security Oversight Office

[NARA-2018-007]

### State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee (SLTPS-PAC)

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing the following committee meeting of the State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee (SLTPS-PAC).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 24, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Jefferson Room, Washington, DC 20408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert J. Skwirot, Senior Program Analyst, by mail at ISOO, National Archives Building; 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20408, by telephone at (202) 357-5398, or by email at [robert.skwirot@nara.gov](mailto:robert.skwirot@nara.gov). Contact ISOO at [ISOO@nara.gov](mailto:ISOO@nara.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We announce advisory committee meetings in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app 2) and implementing regulation 41 CFR 101-6.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss matters relating to the Classified National Security Information Program for state, local, tribal, and private sector entities.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to space limitations and access procedures, you must submit the name and telephone number of individuals planning to attend to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) no later than Wednesday, January 17, 2017. ISOO will provide additional instructions for accessing the meeting's location.

**Patrice Little Murray,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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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 January 2, 2018. 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](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR part 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 a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2018-027*

1. *Applicant:* Bradford Clement, JOIDES Resolution Science Operator, International Ocean Discovery Program, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77845.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Waste Management. The applicant is seeking a waste management permit for activities associated with conducting four International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) expeditions in the Antarctic and Southern Ocean waters. The applicant proposes to release or potentially release beacon weights, drilling mud, rotary core barrel coring bits, free fall funnels/re-entry cones, borehole casing, wiper pigs, and small amounts of fluorescent microspheres as a result of the normal operations of the *JOIDES Resolution* ocean drilling ship. Other standard hardware lowered below or over the side of the vessel would be retrieved, but may be subject to unintentional release.

*Location:* Ross Sea, Amundsen Sea, Scotia Sea, Southern Ocean, Antarctica.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* January 4, 2018–July 20, 2019.

*Permit Application: 2018-029*

2. *Applicant:* Stephen C. Riser, School of Oceanography, University of Washington, Seattle WA 98195.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Waste Management. The applicant proposes to release five Argo floats in the Southern Ocean in the general vicinity of 0 degrees (the Date Line) and 65 degrees South, in the Weddell Sea. The floats will be deployed from the German research vessel *Polarstern*. These floats will collect profiles of temperature and salinity as a function of pressure in the upper 2000 m of the water column at

10-day intervals, and drift at a depth of 1000 m between profiles. Each float will transmit a file of data consisting of temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen from depths of 0–2000 m in the water column at 10 day intervals. The floats will continue to operate in this manner over a period of 5–6 years. The floats are fabricated with aluminum hulls and contain lithium batteries. The data that they product has been crucial to assessing warming and climate change in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic. The data will be publicly available in near real-time from the Argo Global Data Assembly Center.

*Location:* Weddell Sea, Antarctica.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* January 1–March 31, 2018.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education; 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 Environmental Research and Education (9487).

*Date and Time:* January 5, 2018; 3:00 p.m. (EST)–5:00 p.m. (EST).

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Teleconference).

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Leah Nichols, Staff Associate, Office of Integrative Activities, Office of the Director; National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; (Email: [lnichol@nsf.gov](mailto:lnichol@nsf.gov)/Telephone: (703) 292-2983).

*Minutes:* May be obtained from <https://www.nsf.gov/ere/ereweb/minutes.jsp>.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

*Agenda:* To discuss subcommittee work and prepare for future advisory committee activities. Updated agenda and teleconference link will be available at <https://www.nsf.gov/ere/ereweb/minutes.jsp>.

Dated: November 27, 2017.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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