

ASPAs 133—Harmony Point, Nelson Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 134—Cierva Point and offshore islands, Danco Coast, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 135—North-east Bailey Peninsula, Budd Coast, Wilkes Land; ASPA 136—Clark Peninsula, Budd Coast, Wilkes Land, East Antarctica; ASPA 137—Northwest White Island, McMurdo Sound; ASPA 138—Linnaeus Terrace, Asgard Range, Victoria Land; ASPA 139—Biscoe Point, Anvers Island, Palmer Archipelago; ASPA 140—Parts of Deception Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 141—Yukidori Valley, Langhovde, Lützw-Holm Bay; ASPA 142—Svarthamaren; ASPA 143—Marine Plain, Mule Peninsula, Vestfold Hills, Princess Elizabeth Land; ASPA 145—Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 146—South Bay, Doumer Island, Palmer Archipelago; ASPA 147—Ablation Valley and Ganymede Heights, Alexander Island; ASPA 148—Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 149—Cape Shirreff and San Telmo Island, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 150—Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay, King George Island (25 de Mayo); ASPA 151—Lions Rump, King George Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 154—Botany Bay, Cape Geology, Victoria Land; ASPA 155—Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 156—Lewis Bay, Mount Erebus, Ross Island; ASPA 157—Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158—Hut Point, Ross Island; ASPA 159—Cape Adare, Borchgrevink Coast; ASPA 160—Frazier Islands, Windmill Islands, Wilkes Land, East Antarctica; ASPA 161—Terra Nova Bay, Ross Sea; ASPA 162—Mawson's Huts, Cape Denison, Commonwealth Bay, George V Land, East Antarctica; ASPA 163—Dakshin Gangotri Glacier, Dronning Maud Land; ASPA 164—Scullin and Murray Monoliths, Mac.Robertson Land; ASPA 165—Edmonson Point, Wood Bay, Ross Sea; ASPA 166—Port-Martin, Terre-Adélie; ASPA 167—Hawker Island, Princess Elizabeth Land; ASPA 168—Mount Harding, Grove Mountains, East Antarctica; ASPA 169—Amanda Bay, Ingrid Christensen Coast, Princess Elizabeth Land, East Antarctica; ASPA 170—Marion Nunataks, Charcot Island, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 171—Narebski Point, Barton Peninsula, King George Island; ASPA 172—Lower Taylor Glacier and Blood Falls, McMurdo Dry Valleys, Victoria Land; ASPA 173—Cape Washington and Silverfish Bay, Terra Nova Bay, Ross Sea; ASPA 174—Stornes, Larsemann Hills, Princess Elizabeth Land; ASPA 175—High Altitude Geothermal sites of

the Ross Sea region; ASPA 176—Rosenthal Islands, Anvers Island, Palmer Archipelago; ASPA 177—Léonie Islands and South-East Adelaide Island, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 178—Inexpressible Island and Seaview Bay, Ross Sea; ASPA 179—Parts of Western Sør Rondane Mountains, Dronning Maud Land, East Antarctica; ASPA 180—Danger Islands Archipelago, North-eastern Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 181—Farrier Col, Horseshoe Island, Marguerite Bay; ASPA 182—Western Bransfield Strait and Eastern Dallman Bay.

Dates of Permitted Activities: 1 January 2026–31 December 2030.

Permit Application: 2026–019

6. *Applicant:* Jan Helge Pile, Vice President Marine & Technical Operations, ROW Management LTD, 1551 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway, Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33323

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Waste Management (45 CFR 671). The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit for waste management activities associated with operation of small Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) for use in commercial filming and ice reconnaissance aboard M/V The World. EYOS Expeditions Ltd. of Vashon Island, Washington, has been contracted by ROW management to oversee expedition operations. Commercial marketing footage will include broad sea-, land- and icescapes, and the vessel underway and at anchor, to capture portraiture of the expedition. The activity will be conducted by EYOS Expeditions staff experienced with RPAS filming and under the EYOS expedition leader's supervision. Only trained and experienced pilots will be used for piloting RPAS. RPAS will not be operated in the vicinity of concentrations of wildlife and will not disrupt wildlife. RPAS will not be flown over Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Historic Sites and Monuments, or Antarctic Specially Managed Areas. Several measures would be taken to prevent loss of the RPAS including the use of high visibility coloration and flotation devices.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula and Ross Sea regions.

Dates of Permitted Activities: 29 January–17 February 2026.

Permit Application: 2026–020

7. *Applicant:* Sibrand Hassing, Holland America Line Limited, 450 3rd Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Waste Management (45 CFR

671). The applicant requests an ACA permit for waste management activities associated with operation of small, battery operated, remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) equipped with cameras to take scenic photos and film of the Antarctic. The RPAS would not be flown over concentrations of birds or mammals or over Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The RPAS would only be flown by operators with extensive experience, who are pre-approved by the expedition leader. Several measures would be taken to prevent loss of the RPAS including painting them a highly visible color; only flying when the wind is less than 12 m/s; having prop guards on propeller tips, a flotation device if operated over water, and a “go home” feature in case of loss of control link or low battery; having an observer on the lookout for wildlife, people, and other hazards; and ensuring that the separation between the operator and RPAS does not exceed an operational range of 500 meters.

Jean C. Allen,

CORF Division Director for Polar Programs, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, 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). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Program Monitoring Data Collections for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Program.

OMB Number: 3145-0267.

Type of Request: Intent to renew an information collection for post-award output and outcome monitoring system.

Abstract: The National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Program was started in 2011 to develop and nurture a national innovation ecosystem built upon fundamental research that guides the output of scientific and engineering discoveries closer to the development of technologies, products, and services that benefit society.

The goal of the I-Corps Program is to use experiential education to help entrepreneurial researchers reduce the time necessary to translate promising ideas from the laboratory bench to widespread implementation. In addition to accelerating technology translation, the NSF I-Corps program also seeks to reduce the risk associated with technology development conducted without insight into industry requirements and challenges.

The NSF I-Corps Program is designed to support the commercialization of “deep technologies,” those revolving around fundamental discoveries in science and engineering. The program addresses the skill and knowledge gaps associated with the transformation of basic research into deep technology

ventures. The program enables entrepreneurial researchers in deep technologies to receive support in the form of entrepreneurial education, industry mentoring, and funding to accelerate the translation of knowledge derived from fundamental research into emerging products and services that may attract subsequent third-party funding. I-Corps training and infrastructure together represent an important investment for NSF and the Nation, as directed by the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act (AICA), Public Law 114-329, Section 601.

These selected researchers form teams and participate in the I-Corps Teams Program Curriculum. An I-Corps team includes the Entrepreneurial Lead (EL), Technical Lead (TL) or the Principal Investigator (PI), and the Industrial Mentor (IM). During the training program, the team is expected to spend significant time conducting active customer discovery, including interviewing potential customers and potential partners. The outcomes of I-Corps Teams projects will be threefold: (1) a decision on a clear path forward based on an assessment of the business model, (2) substantial first-hand evidence for or against product-market fit, with the identification of customer segments and corresponding value propositions, and (3) a narrative of a compelling technology demonstration for potential partners.

The NSF I-Corps program requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of this clearance that will allow the programs to improve the rigor of our surveys for evaluations and program monitoring, as well as to initiate new data collections to monitor the immediate, intermediate, and long-term outcomes of our investments by periodically surveying the I-Corps teams and their members. The clearance will allow the program to rigorously develop, test, and implement survey instruments and methodologies.

The primary objective of this clearance is to allow the NSF I-Corps program to collect characteristics, inputs, outputs, and outcomes information from the I-Corps teams funded by the program. This collection will enable the evaluation of the impacts on the four themes as outlined in the FY 2021 Biennial Report to Congress (https://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/i-corps/pdf/NSFI-Corps2021BiennialReport.pdf):

1. Training an Entrepreneurial Workforce
2. Translating Technologies
3. Nurturing an Innovation Ecosystem

4. Enabling Economic Impact

The second, related objective is to improve our questionnaires and/or data collection procedures through pilot tests and other survey methods used in these activities. Under this clearance a variety of surveys could be pre-tested, modified, and used.

Following standard OMB requirements, NSF will submit to OMB an individual request for each survey project we undertake under this clearance. NSF will request OMB approval in advance and provide OMB with a copy of the questionnaire and materials describing the project.

Data collected will be used for planning, management, evaluation, and audit purposes. Summaries of output and outcome monitoring data are used to respond to queries from Congress, the public, NSF’s external merit reviewers who serve as advisors, including Committees of Visitors (COVs), NSF’s Office of the Inspector General, and other pertinent stakeholders. These data are needed for effective administration, program monitoring, evaluation, outreach/marketing roadmaps, and for strategic reviews and measuring attainment of NSF’s program and strategic goals, as identified by the President’s Accountable Government Initiative, the Government Performance and Results Act Modernization Act of 2010, Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, and NSF’s Strategic Plan.

All questions asked in the data collection are questions that are NOT included in the annual, final or outcomes reports, and the intention is to ask the grantees even beyond the period of performance on voluntary basis in order to capture impacts of the research that occur during and beyond the life of the award.

Grantees will be invited to submit information on a periodic basis to support the management of the NSF I-Corps investment portfolio. Once the survey tool is tested, grantees will be invited to submit these indicators to NSF via data collection methods that include, but are not limited to, online surveys, interviews, focus groups, phone interviews, etc. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of project personnel, sources of funding and support, knowledge transfer and technology translation activities, patents, licenses, publications, descriptions of significant advances, and other outcomes of the funded efforts.

Use of the Information

The data collected is used for NSF internal and external reports, historical

data, program level studies and evaluations, and for securing future funding for the maintenance and growth of the NSF I-Corps program. Evaluation

designs could make use of metadata associated with the award and other characteristics to identify a comparison group to evaluate the impact of the

program funding and other relevant research questions.

ESTIMATE OF PUBLIC BURDEN

Collection title	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses/respondent	Annual hour burden
Program Monitoring Data Collections for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Program.	400 I-Corps Teams (1,200 program participants) per year.	3	900
	13 I-Corps Hubs (3,900 program participants) per year.	3	2,925
Total	5,100 participants	3,825

For life-of-award monitoring, the data collection burden to awardees will be limited to no more than 15 minutes of the respondents' time in each instance.

Respondents

The respondents consist of Technical Lead (TL) of the I-Corps Project or Principal Investigator (PI) of NSF I-Corps Program awards, Entrepreneurial Lead (EL), and Industry Mentor (IM).

Dated: December 15, 2025.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Office of Civil Rights Civil Rights Case Management System

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

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Comments: Comments regarding (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NSF, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NSF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents; and (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556. NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Office of Civil Rights—Civil Rights Case Management System.

OMB Control No.: 3145-New.

Abstract: The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) processes discrimination complaints under various federal civil rights laws and regulations. Organizations that receive funding awards from NSF are prohibited from discriminating against individuals who participate in any NSF-funded programs, services, and activities. To ensure awardee organizations follow civil rights laws, OCR's Awardee Compliance Branch (ACB) receives and considers complaints for investigation of unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in NSF-funded programs, services, and activities.

OCR ACB is establishing an electronic case management system to receive, evaluate, process, investigate, and resolve allegations of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. Complainants submit their complaint information into the case management system. Information collected and maintained by the system includes: name and contact information for the complainant; impacted party (*i.e.*, complainant or other individual), witnesses, respondent, awardee organization; complaint information (which includes basis of discrimination or harassment, complaint description, remedies, and whether the complaint is filed in any other forum); any additional documentation; and a consent form for investigation and sharing of information with the relevant organization(s). If the complaint is accepted for investigation, additional information may be collected that is relevant to the case. This information is collected to help OCR staff determine if there is jurisdiction to