

1978. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 26, 2023. Permit applications 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:** Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-292-4479; or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541), 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.

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2021-004) to Grant Ballard on September 23, 2020. The issued permit allows the applicant to engage in take, harmful interference, enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs), and import samples into the USA in association with research on the role of environmental factors on foraging, diet, growth, and survival of Adelle penguins (*Pygoscelis adeliae*). Research activities include installing weighbridges, resighting banded birds, and following birds through incubation and chick-rearing until late January. The applicant and agents attach logging and tracking devices on breeding adults and chicks and collect fecal, blood, and feather samples from adults and chicks during the brooding and guarding stage, then attach long-term GPS-Argos tags and geolocating dive recorders on adult penguins. To survey the large colonies at Cape Royds and Cape Crozier in a timely manner, the applicant and agents employ multiple, self- and collectively-aware remotely piloted aircraft (RPAS) simultaneously. Now the applicant proposes a modification to the permit to attach biologging devices to penguins during the egg incubation period, with the number of penguins being tagged

remaining the same. The applicant also proposes to collect opportunistic fecal samples from a wider range of species, including Emperor Penguins, South Polar Skua, and Weddell Seals. Some incidental disturbance of the animals may occur during the collection of the fecal samples. A Marine Mammal Protection Act permit is additionally being sought to permit any incidental disturbance of Weddell Seals.

*Location:* ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 124, Cape Crozier, Ross Island; ASPA 105, Beaufort Island; Cape Bird (outside ASPA boundary).

*Dates:* September 15, 2023 to February 15, 2025.

**Kimiko S Bowens-Knox,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Engineering; 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 Engineering (#1170) (Hybrid).

*Date and Time:* November 1, 2023; 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (eastern); November 2, 2023; 8 a.m.–12:45 p.m. (eastern).

*Place:* NSF, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314/Hybrid (In person and Virtual).

Additional meeting information, an updated agenda, and registration information will be posted at <https://www.nsf.gov/eng/advisory.jsp>.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Persons:* Don Millard, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: (703) 292-8300.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

### Agenda

*Wednesday, November 1, 2023; 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (eastern)*

- Directorate for Engineering Report
- NSF Budget Update
- Partnerships for a Resilient Planet: Opportunities in Clean Energy and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Engineering PLUS Alliance
- Engineering Research Infrastructure
- Strategic Recommendations for ENG

- Preparation for Discussion with the Director's Office

*Thursday, November 2, 2023; 8 a.m.–12:45 p.m. (eastern)*

- Reports from Advisory Committee Liaisons
- Revolutionizing Engineering Departments
- Preparation for Discussion with the Director's Office
- Perspective from the Director's Office
- Strategic Recommendations for ENG

Dated: August 21, 2023.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Product Change—Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage® Negotiated Service Agreement

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* September 26, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sean Robinson, 202-268-8405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on September 19, 2023, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 59 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2023-274, CP2023-277.

**Sean Robinson,**

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Product Change—Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage® Negotiated Service Agreement

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal