

3. *Background.* States have long been required to deduct and withhold certain child support obligations from UC. (See Section 303(e)(2), SSA, and UIPL No. 45–89.) In 2005, Section 7310 of the DRA amended Federal law to mandate that state child support agencies impose an annual fee of \$25 for collecting child support obligations under certain circumstances. In response to this mandate, some states have chosen to amend their laws and regulations. This UIPL is issued to assist the states in assuring that any such amendments are consistent with Federal UC law.

4. *Federal Law.* Section 3304(a)(4), FUTA, requires, as a condition for employers in a state to receive credit against the Federal tax, that state law provide that—

All money withdrawn from the unemployment fund of the State shall be used solely in the payment of unemployment compensation, exclusive of expenses of administration, and for refunds of sums erroneously paid into such fund. * * *

Section 303(a)(5), SSA, provides a similar requirement as a condition for a state to receive administrative grants. These provisions, known as the “withdrawal standard,” mean that money may only be withdrawn from the unemployment fund for payment of “compensation,” with certain specified exceptions. Section 3306(h), FUTA, defines “compensation” as “cash benefits payable to individuals with respect to their unemployment.” One exception to the withdrawal standard is found in Section 303(e)(2)(A), SSA, which requires a state UC agency to “deduct and withhold from any [UC] otherwise payable to an individual * * * amounts to pay “child support obligations” pursuant to part D of Title IV of the SSA.

Section 7310 of the DRA added Section 454(6)(B)(ii) to the SSA, pertaining to state plans for child support, to require that, for each case where the custodial parent “has never received” Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the state child support agency is to “impose an annual fee of \$25 for each case in which services are furnished, which shall be retained by the State from support collected, * * * paid by the individual applying for the services, recovered from the absent parent, or paid by the State out of its own funds. * * *” (Emphasis added.) The amendment also added Section 457(a)(3), SSA, to provide that “the State shall distribute to the family the portion of the amount so collected that remains *after withholding any fee.* * * *” (Emphasis added.) The DRA did not amend Federal UC law.

5. *Interpretation.* Exceptions to the withdrawal standard are narrowly construed. Section 3 of UIPL No. 45–89 explained “that deductions may be made only when authorized by Federal law.” Paragraph 4.b of the UIPL added that, with specified exceptions, state law must provide that UC benefit payments “be exempt from levy, execution, attachment, order for the payment of attorneys fees or court costs, or any other remedy for the collection of public or private debts, prior to receipt by the claimant.” Therefore, absent an explicit statutory authorization, states may not deduct and withhold a processing fee from UC. Since the DRA did not amend Federal UC law, states may not deduct and withhold a processing fee from a claimant’s UC when deducting child support.

The DRA did, however, amend Federal law to provide that “collected” child support obligations may be used to pay the mandatory fee. As a result, after the full amount of the child support obligation has been deducted from a claimant’s UC and sent to the state child support agency, the child support agency may, consistent with Section 7310, DRA, withhold the processing fee before sending the balance of the child support collected to the child support recipient.

States are reminded that, when crafting legislation or regulations to implement the provisions of the DRA, care should be taken to ensure the requirements of the withdrawal standard, as interpreted in this UIPL, are met. In short, a state law or regulation may not authorize the payment of the child support fee directly from UC, but it may authorize the payment of the fee from child support collected by the state child support agency consistent with Section 303(e)(2), SSA.

6. *Action Required.* State administrators are requested to review existing state law provisions and agency practices involving the child support intercept program to ensure consistency with Federal UC law requirements.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

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Notice of the June 17, 2008 Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

PLACE: Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information on the meeting may be obtained from Suzi M. Morris via e-mail at Board@mcc.gov or by telephone at (202) 521–3600.

STATUS: Meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) will hold a meeting to discuss and consider country-specific compact development issues and compact implementation issues affecting a number of MCC’s countries; and certain administrative matters.

The agenda items are expected to involve the discussion of classified information and the meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: June 5, 2008.

William G. Anderson, Jr.,

*Vice President and General Counsel,
Millennium Challenge Corporation.*

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request extension of a currently approved information collection used by individuals applying for a research card which is needed to use original archival records in a National Archives and Records Administration facility. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 8, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-7409; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694, or fax number 301-713-7409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Researcher Application.

OMB number: 3095-0016.

Agency form number: NA Form 14003.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated number of respondents: 18,487.

Estimated time per response: 8 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 2,465 hours.

Abstract: The information collection is prescribed by 36 CFR 1254.6. The collection is an application for a research card. Respondents are

individuals who wish to use original archival records in a NARA facility. NARA uses the information to screen individuals, to identify which types of records they should use, and to allow further contact.

Dated: June 4, 2008.

Martha Morphy,

Assistant Archivist for Information Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish 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 at Title 45 Part 670 of 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 July 9, 2008. This application 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:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

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

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2009-007

1. *Applicant:* Erica Wikander, Environmental Officer, Quark Expeditions, Inc., 47 Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06854.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA). The applicant plans tourist visits by passengers onboard cruises of the *Kapitan Khlebnikov* to the historic huts in the Ross Sea area of Antarctica. The historic huts are located in the following Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPA): Cape Evans (ASPA 154); Cape Royds (ASPA 156); Hut Point (ASPA 157); Cape Adare (ASPA 159); and Cape Hallett (ASPA 106). Expedition staff will ensure that the Management Plans for each of the sites are followed. There will be no more than 100 passengers at a time at the sites.

Location

Cape Evans (ASPA 154); Cape Royds (ASPA 156); Hut Point (ASPA 157); Cape Adare (ASPA 159); and Cape Hallett (ASPA 106).

Dates

March 15, 2008 to March 15, 2013.

Permit Application No. 2009-008

2. *Applicant:* Brian Stone, Deputy Division Director, Antarctic Infrastructure & Logistics, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA). The applicant plans educational visits by members of the U.S. Antarctic Program to the historic huts in the Ross Sea area of Antarctica. The historic huts are located in the following Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPA): Cape Evans (ASPA 154); Cape Royds (ASPA 156); Hut Point (ASPA 157); and Cape Adare (ASPA 159). All visits will be conducted in accordance with the management plan for the specific sites.

Location

Cape Evans (ASPA 154); Cape Royds (ASPA 156); Hut Point (ASPA 157); and Cape Adare (ASPA 159).

Dates

October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2013.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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