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The US Antarctic Program represents the United States participation in the international Antarctic Treaty (done at Washington, D.C., Dec. 1, 1959 and entry into effect on June 23, 1961). The Treaty calls for the peaceful use of the Antarctic continent. The U.S. program includes scientific research on the area's ecosystems, climate research, and atmospheric and space research. The program consists of three permanent research stations and numerous seasonal stations.

The Program web site provides much information about the program and methods by which other organizations may participate. The first interesting feature is the links in the



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center of the home page to Webcams placed at the South Pole and program headquarters at McMurdo Station. These cams are currently offline due to seasonal difficulties but currently offer loops of interesting video including the aurora australis, the southern counterpart to the northern aurora borealis. The web site is primarily navigated using the menu on the left side of the page. The “News” link brings to recent developments and articles on the Antarctic, it past and present. The “About the Continent” link brings you to information about Antarctica including a photo album. “The About the USAP” link brings you to information about the Program as well as links to Antarctic treaties and international organizations. The “Antarctic Treaty” link, paradoxically, does not lead to as much legal material as the “About” link. It does lead to full text of the Antarctic Treaty and to a Department of State Handbook on the Antarctic Treaty and a link to the Antarctic Secretariat.

The Program is open to participation in scientific research by other organizations such as non-profits and universities. The “Information for Participants” page provides all the information potential participants need to develop a research proposal. Sorry, no potential for legal research. The “Researchers & Science Projects” link brings you to a list of individuals who are currently involved in research through the program. The “USAP Science Overview” provides information on past projects and their results. The “Scientific Discoveries” link brings you information on scientific highlights of past research. Finally, the Video Clips, Maps and Images” page offers striking views of the continent.

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