



Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)

RVOC - April 2014

- Successful Conceptual Design Review (CDR) with OSU – **December 2013**
- Advancement to Preliminary Design Phase Approved – **February 2014**
- PDR Scheduled - **August 3-5, 2014**
- Three vessels currently planned
- Actual number of vessels constructed based on projected science utilization and availability of funding (**See OCE Letter to UNOLS FIC**):
 - **Request for UNOLS Community concurrence**
 - **Independent verification on OCE assumptions**



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Off Ramps From the Solicitation:

- **NSF determination not to make an initial Awardee selection** PASSED
- **Failure of the Awardee to satisfy CDR requirements and/or NSF disapproval of funding increment for PDR** PASSED
- **Funding increment for PDR not explicitly included in a budget request and appropriated by Congress** PASSED
- **Failure of the Awardee to satisfy PDR requirements and/or NSF disapproval for inclusion in future MREFC budget request**
- **Failure of the Awardee to satisfy FDR requirements, including selection of an acceptable shipyard for construction**
- **Insufficient Year 1 MREFC appropriations and/or NSF disapproval of the Awardee to obligate funds as part of FDR**
- **Insufficient out year appropriations to meet project objectives**



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- Operator selection to take place once number of vessels is known:
 - Solicitation in early CY 2017
- MREFC Funding Request for FY17 in March 2015
- First RCRV operational in ~CY 2020

