



NSF Report to UNOLS RVTEC
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OCE Integrative Program Section Staffing

- **Section Head position to be re-advertised in the next few weeks. Dolly Dieter still Acting Section Head**
- **Jim Holik hired as a visiting scientist to replace Sandy Shor in Ocean Technical Services and Ocean Instrumentation Program**

Jim Holik

- **Background**



FY 2008 Budget

- **The NSF Appropriation for FY 2008 has not been passed. NSF is currently operating under a Continuing Resolution which runs through November 16, 2007.**
- **Modest increases have been included in the House and Senate bills but the budget is not signed into law yet so we wait and see.**



OCE Facilities

Budget planning for FY 08

- **FY 08 again looks to be a very challenging year with Ship Operations projecting major shortfalls.**
- **The technicians and instrumentation programs will be impacted as well.**



Facilities Budget planning (cont.)

- **Like FY 07 Ship Operations had substantial prepay but even with this, increased costs and weak schedules are making FY 08 challenging.**
- **Technicians and instrumentation programs funding are expected to be similarly stressed.**



Facilities

Budget planning (cont.)

- NSF continues to give high priority to training and communication and to support technician transfers between operators to educate each other and learn new ways to improve quality of service.**

Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC)

- **Scientific Ocean Drilling Vessel (SODV)**
MREFC funding started in FY 06
 - The JOIDES Resolution is scheduled to resume drilling activities in Spring 2008
- **Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV)**
MREFC funding began in FY 07
- **Ocean Observatory Initiative (OOI)**
MREFC funding began in FY 07

OCE Midsize Infrastructure Initiatives

- **R/V Marcus Langseth Seismic Vessel (LDEO) currently undergoing sea trials and inspections**
 - Ship inspection on 7&8 Nov
 - Science testing/calibration to run mid Nov to mid Jan
- **HOV to replace Alvin being designed by WHOI**
- **Regional Class Research Vessels (RCRV) design study continues**