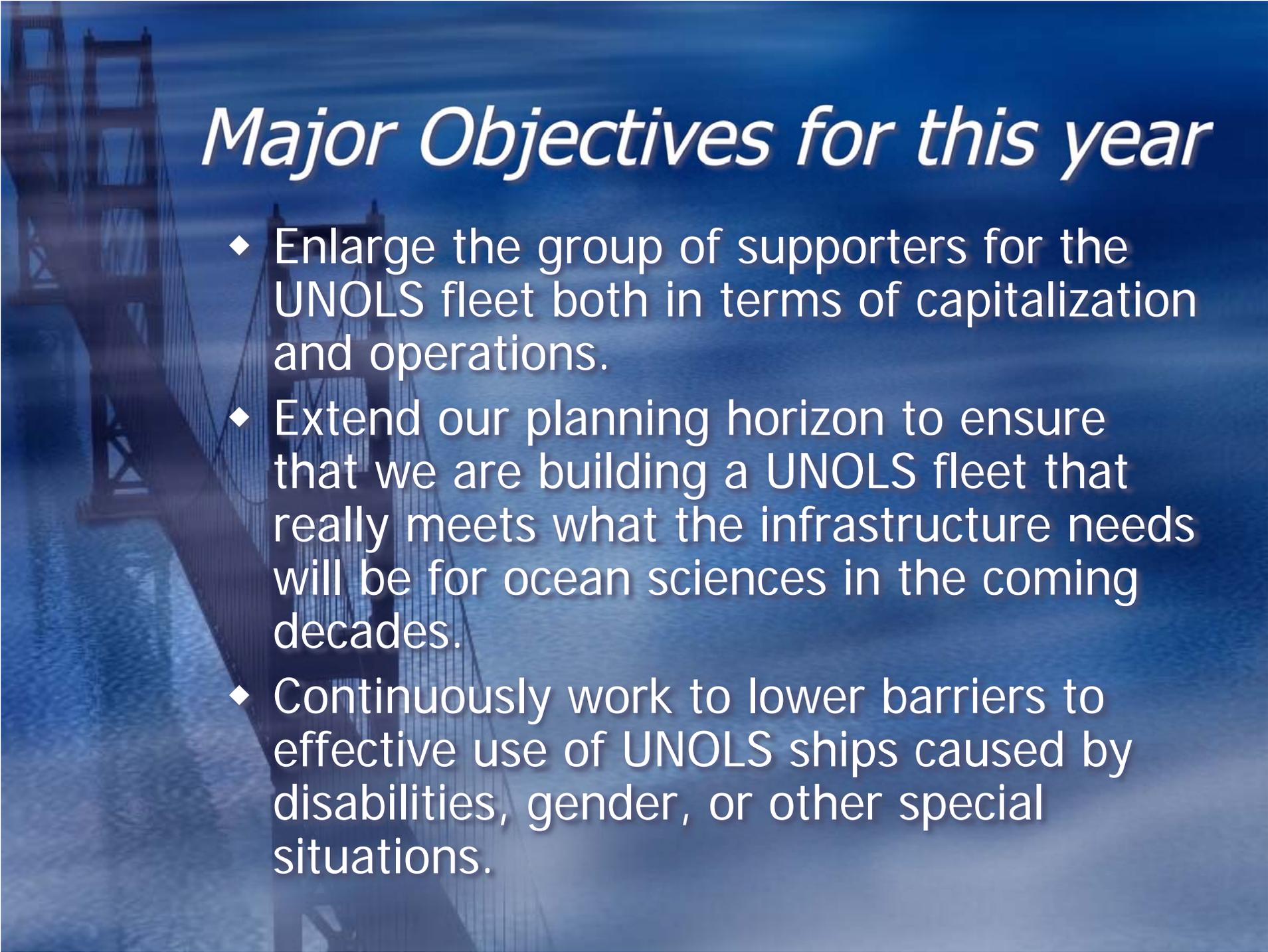




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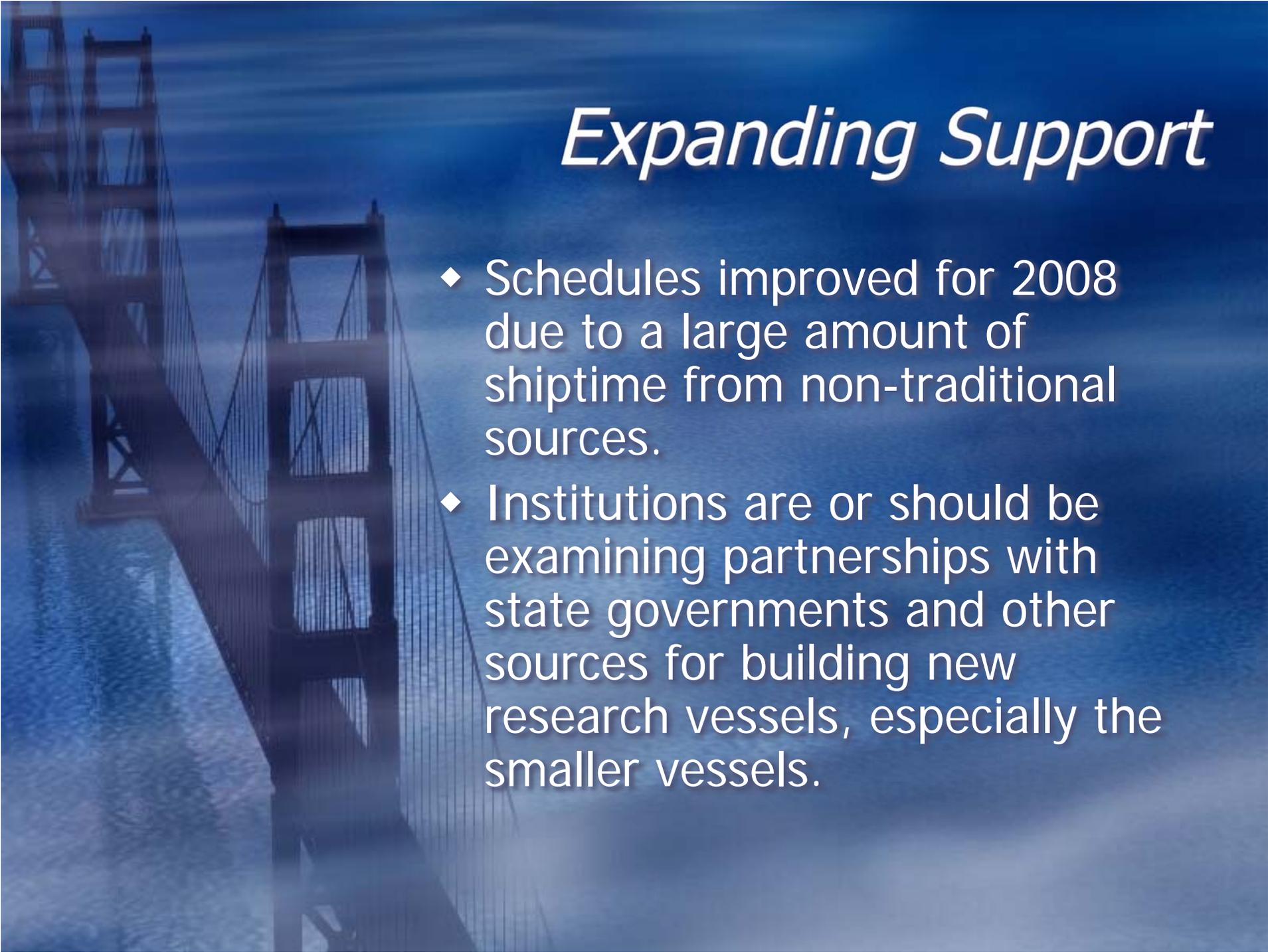
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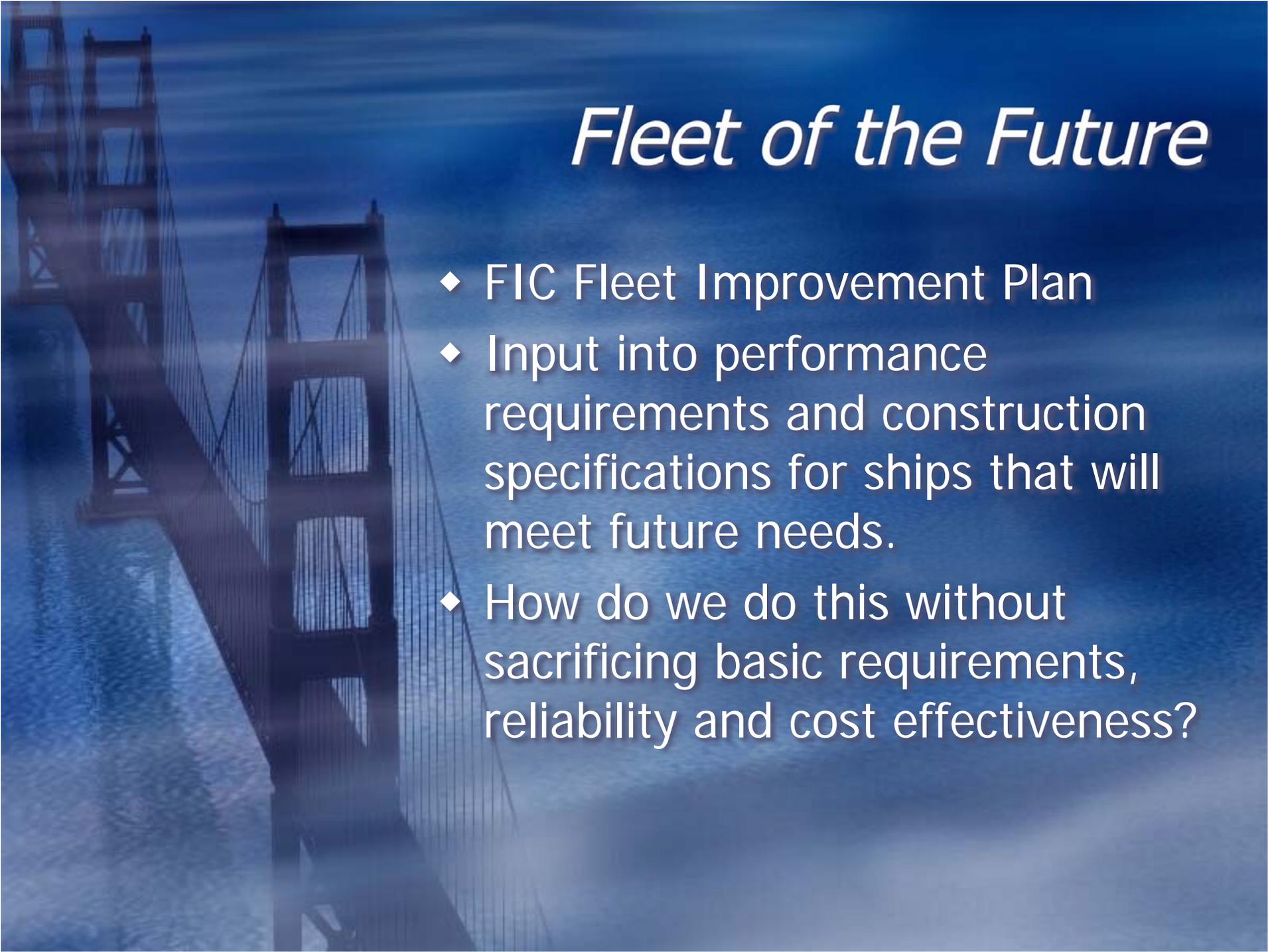
Major Objectives for this year

- ◆ Enlarge the group of supporters for the UNOLS fleet both in terms of capitalization and operations.
- ◆ Extend our planning horizon to ensure that we are building a UNOLS fleet that really meets what the infrastructure needs will be for ocean sciences in the coming decades.
- ◆ Continuously work to lower barriers to effective use of UNOLS ships caused by disabilities, gender, or other special situations.



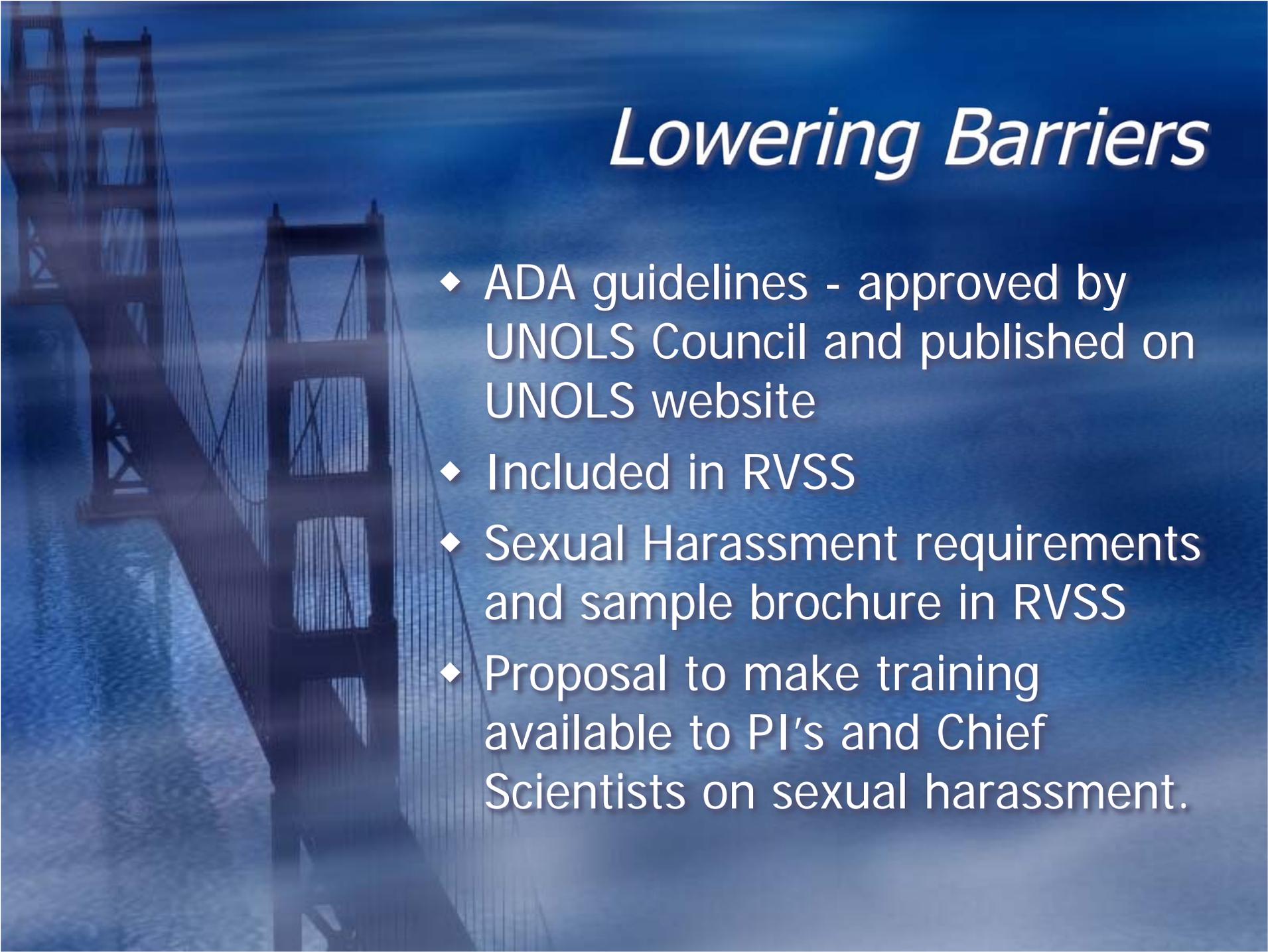
Expanding Support

- ◆ Schedules improved for 2008 due to a large amount of shiptime from non-traditional sources.
- ◆ Institutions are or should be examining partnerships with state governments and other sources for building new research vessels, especially the smaller vessels.



Fleet of the Future

- ◆ FIC Fleet Improvement Plan
- ◆ Input into performance requirements and construction specifications for ships that will meet future needs.
- ◆ How do we do this without sacrificing basic requirements, reliability and cost effectiveness?



Lowering Barriers

- ◆ ADA guidelines - approved by UNOLS Council and published on UNOLS website
- ◆ Included in RVSS
- ◆ Sexual Harassment requirements and sample brochure in RVSS
- ◆ Proposal to make training available to PI's and Chief Scientists on sexual harassment.



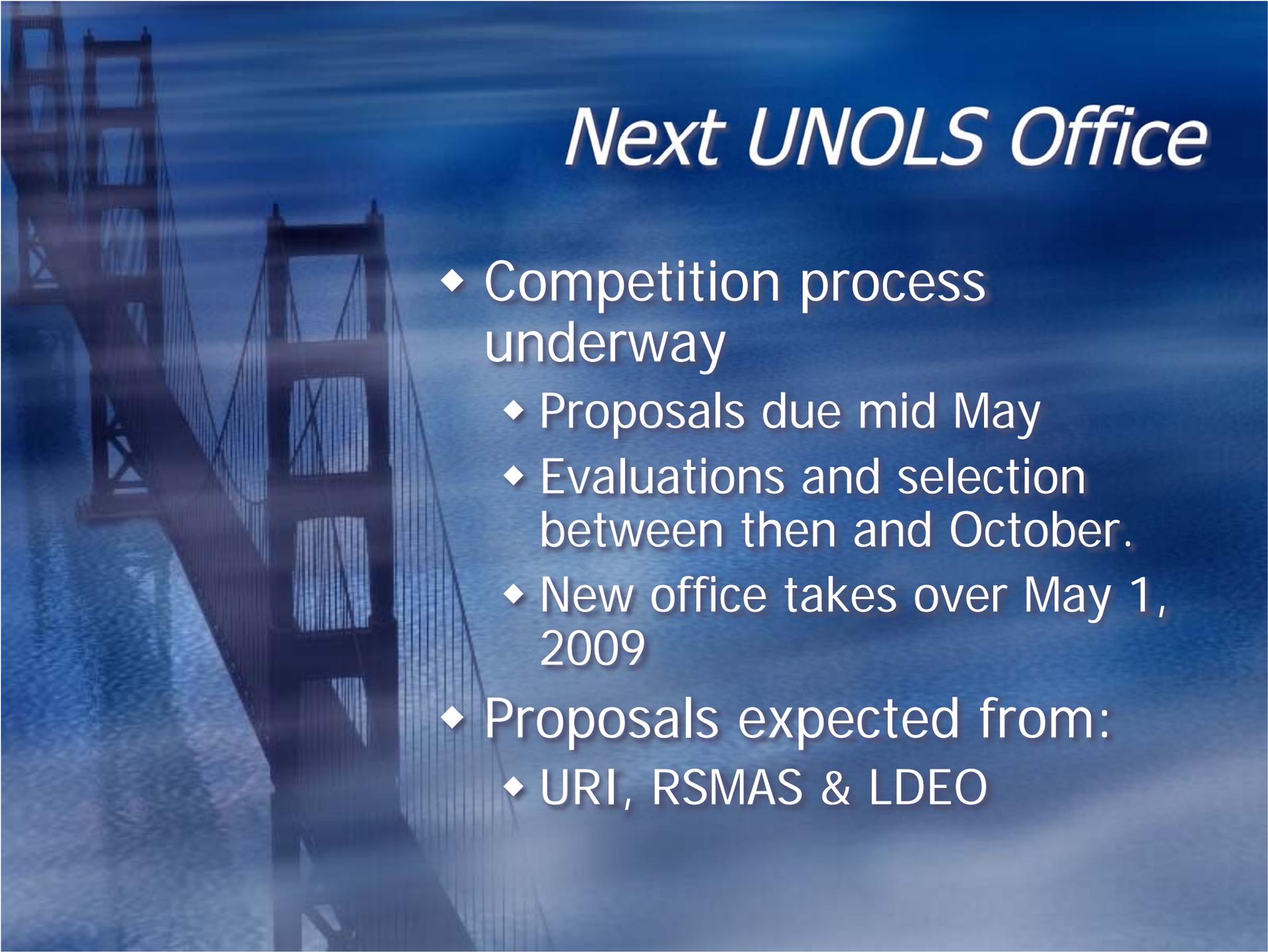
Other projects

- ◆ New UNOLS Brochure
- ◆ Wire workshop - better .322
- ◆ Additional functions for the STRS system
 - ◆ Part two - cruise planning
 - ◆ Post Cruise Assessments & Utilization reports
 - ◆ Technical services info and ship instrumentation/specifications
 - ◆ Cruise metadata and other data products that might be recommended by data committee



Changes

- ◆ New UNOLS Institution
 - ◆ LSU
- ◆ New UNOLS R/V
 - ◆ *Marcus G. Langseth*



Next UNOLS Office

- ◆ Competition process underway
 - ◆ Proposals due mid May
 - ◆ Evaluations and selection between then and October.
 - ◆ New office takes over May 1, 2009
- ◆ Proposals expected from:
 - ◆ URI, RSMAS & LDEO



UNOLS Nominations

- ◆ Chair Elect
- ◆ Two Council positions
 - ◆ Operator
 - ◆ At Large
- ◆ SCOAR Chair