

AICC Meeting USCG Headquarters Report

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Budget Authority

- **OSTP/OMB shifted budget authority for the polar icebreaking program from USCG to NSF starting in FY06.**
- **NSF and USCG are operating under an Aug 2005 MOA that provides guidance for the transfer of funds.**
- **NSF identifies icebreaker mission needs to USCG by 1 Jun.**
- **USCG submits Program Plan for maintenance, operations and personnel to NSF by 1 Jul.**
- **Negotiation period for approval of Program Plan by 30 Sep.**



Budget Authority

- **USCG is seeking return of budget authority to clearly align budget responsibility and operational authority.**
- **During last AICC meeting USCG was working with OMB to facilitate return of budget authority.**
- **Mar 2008 NSC/HSC Deputies Committee meeting attended by Commandant resulted in tasker for MS PCC to evaluate and submit report.**
- **Interagency report submitted for follow-on Deputies Committee meeting to be scheduled.**
- **Return of budget authority would likely require new MOA.**



Budget Authority

- **Current budget arrangement is not 100% reimbursable but USCG cannot legally supplement NSF's appropriation.**
- **USCG cannot receive reimbursements from other agencies – by MOA reimbursements (NOAA, ONR) must go through NSF.**
- **NSF hired Jamestown Marine Services (JMS) to provide independent review of USCG polar icebreaker maintenance.**
- **JMS report is positive endorsement of current maintenance practices - no recommendations to remove items from current maintenance plan and some recommendations to accelerate work, particularly system recapitalization.**



Arctic Initiatives

Participating in NSC polar policy review

Contributing to Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment report

Contributed to Congressional Research Service report

Drafting FY08 OMNIBUS bill comprehensive polar ops report

**Briefing Joint Chiefs of Staff and Permanent Joint Board on
Defense on USCG Arctic Operations**

**Participating in Coastal Response Research Center and
Naval War College Arctic workshops**



Icebreaker Issues

- **POLAR STAR:**
 - FY08 maintenance/manpower study
 - FY09 funding
 - Reactivation
- **POLAR SEA:**
 - NSF intentions for DF09
 - Arctic deployment
 - XUE LONG escort
- **HEALY:**
 - NOAA Corps Marine Science Officer MOA
 - FY08 study for increased DAFHP
 - FY08 CG-00/S1 visit
- **Polar Operations and Policy Work Group**