

# AICC Meeting USCG Headquarters Report

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# Budget Authority

- NSF retains budget authority for the polar icebreaking program. Transfer of funds is guided by 2005 MOA.
- NSF identifies icebreaker mission needs to USCG by 1 Jun. USCG submits Program Plan by 1 Jul for approval by 30 Sep.
- NSF discontinuing funding of STAR caretaker status in FY09.
- USCG continues to seek return of budget authority to align budget responsibility and operational authority.
- Return of budget authority will require new MOA (FY09 Appropriations Act language).



# Arctic Initiatives

**Participating in NSPD/HSPD Arctic policy review**

**Contributing to Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment report**

**Contributed to Congressional Research Service reports on polar icebreaking modernization and USCG's Arctic perspective**

**Completed FY08 OMNIBUS bill polar operations report**

**Contracting for FY08 high latitude study including updating polar icebreaker mission analysis report**



# Icebreaker Issues

- **POLAR STAR:**

- FY08 maintenance/manpower study due Jan/Feb

- FY09 funding

- Reactivation

- **POLAR SEA:**

- Standby for DF09

- Arctic deployments

- Science of opportunity announcement request

- **HEALY:**

- Study for increased DAFHP completed and in internal review