

UNOLS FIC
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Regional Class Research Vessel

- Contracts being closed out w/NAVSEA
- MOU being terminated
- NSF will move the program forward
- Winter 2008/2009 status
 - Both designs complete
 - Awaiting final close-out packages from NAVSEA

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- Spring/Summer 2009
 - Convene Design Selection Committee
 - Provide down-select recommendation to NSF
 - Standard NSF Committee of Experts (Closed)
 - Members include some original RCRV Technical Advisors from Phase I (UNOLS ship operators, technical support, scientists) plus ship design/construction experts ~10 total

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- Process will be:
 - Well documented
 - Use elements of the NAVSEA Selection Criteria and ARR V Shipyard Selection Process (which has been subject to both internal NSF and external panel review)
- Fall 2009
 - NSF makes final design decision
 - NSF develops solicitation for “Construction and Operation of the RCRV” following the ARR V process model

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- Phase I - Project Refresh
- Phase II - Shipyard Selection
- Phase III - Construction
- Phase IV - Transition to Operations
- If construction funds are identified:
 - 2010 Release Solicitation/Review Proposals
 - 2011 Shipyard Selection
 - 2012 Construction
 - 2015 Operations