

# Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)

- **Status – Investigating Funding Options:**
  - For initial hull construction starting in FY14; three hull total
- **Project Readiness:**
  - Competitive design development with NSF Panel down-select – **Oct 2009**
  - UNOLS Community input received - **Sept 2010**
  - Move forward with “ARRV-like” process (**Solicitation drafted**)
  - Phase I – “Project Refresh” including **CDR/PDR & FDR** (R&RA \$)
- **Risks:**
  - Institutional (Awardee) capabilities
  - Ship construction (market, technical, etc.)
  - Mitigated by following ARRV-like process
- **Optimal Schedule:**
  - Release Solicitation - **Late 2010/Early 2011**
  - Begin Construction - **Early 2014**
  - Science Operations - **Late 2016**

