

Ship-based Science Technical Support in the Arctic - STARC

Outreach to potential proposers

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Summary of Solicitation Purpose

Fund a single Cooperative Agreement to:

- Plan and execute science support for Arctic cruises on icebreakers, augmenting USCG
 - Coordinate with Chief Scientist, USCG, NSF, UNOLS and other providers
 - Some work directly funded through CA, some funded by NSF through UNOLS agreements
- Manage science equipment onboard icebreakers in cooperation with USCG and NSF
 - Track maintenance and upgrade requirements with budget planning
 - Provide recommendations for equipment purchases or upgrades

Ships:

- *Healy*
- *Polar Star*
- Transitions to other ships as needed

Users:

- NSF, Arctic Sciences Division awardees
- Other agencies that reimburse NSF for services provided



Status Report

NSF held competition through the STARC solicitation to identify an institution that would provide NSF with a mechanism to offer a dedicated cruise planner to coordinate required resources and to steward the science equipment onboard Healy. That competition is still underway and NSF will announce an award sometime in April hopefully, allowing time to review and process the proposals.