



Consortium for Ocean Leadership

“Report of the Working Group to Develop
Funding Models for New Ships”
dated 5 May 2011

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A new approach to providing ocean science community with access to the sea”- COL Report May 5, 2011

- A new community-based process that builds on the decadal survey process to develop requirements, life cycle costs, priorities for plans for community infrastructure
- Recognize the fleet as a portfolio of capabilities
- New organizational framework building on UNOLS experience and broad community representation of the COL.
- Flexible portfolio of acquisition processes for ships. (Lease, Gov’t Owned-Contractor operated, Build/Own, Private)
- New governance strategy for the federal agencies that formalizes their individual roles, responsibilities for ship design, acquisition and operations
- Multi-Year escrow account that can be used to develop a predictable level of resources for construction and operations

COL Report on Ship Funding Models

- The current approach is essentially ad hoc and results in ships that take too long to bring on line and are very expensive to build
- A **plan of multi-decadal scope** will be required...grounded in cost estimates and priorities...that guides both the Federal Agencies and Office of Management and Budget as budgets are developed
- Address both ice-free and polar research vessel capabilities
- A flexible portfolio of acquisition processes....any acquisition process needs to incorporate the MREFC approach
- A new governance strategy....with a lead agency that is accountable for success

FIC Tasked to Review and Provide Comments on Report

- What should be our review process?
- Are there report recommendations that FIC agrees or disagrees with?
- How might this report change the role of FIC/UNOLS in fleet planning?