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# Regional Class Research Vessel Design and Construction

- In April 2012, NSF released a solicitation for Design and Construction of RCRVs. The NSF solicitation is available at:  
[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=503607&org=NSF&sel\\_org=NSF&from=fund](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503607&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund)
- Community questions regarding the solicitation with NSF responses are posted at:  
[http://www.unols.org/committees/fic/regional/RCRV\\_Solicitation/RCRV\\_Solicitation\\_April2012.html](http://www.unols.org/committees/fic/regional/RCRV_Solicitation/RCRV_Solicitation_April2012.html)
- There's a process laid out for RCRV with a separate science oversight committee like *Sikuliaq*
- FIC provided very valuable comment on the current design that helped lead to the NSF determinations.
- NSF will give some thought to how FIC might be involved as the Design Refresh moves forward.