



Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)

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- Lead Institution (LI) Proposals Received – September 7, 2012
- LI Selection Panel – October 30 – November 1, 2012
- NSF Objective:
 - **Selection of a highly qualified institution to execute the RCRV project on time, within scope and on budget**
 - **NOT operator selection (See RCRV Q&A)**
- Operator Selection through separate solicitation once number of hulls to be constructed is known – Q1/Q2 2017
- Number of hulls to be based on:
 - Availability of funds (See Off Ramps)
 - Projected Science Utilization



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Project Off Ramps

- NSF determination not to make an initial Awardee selection
- Failure of the Awardee to satisfy CDR requirements and/or NSF disapproval of funding increment for PDR
- Funding increment for PDR not explicitly included in a budget request and therefore not appropriated by Congress
- Failure of the Awardee to satisfy PDR requirements and/or NSF disapproval for inclusion in future MREFC budget request
- Failure of the Awardee to satisfy FDR requirements, including selection of an acceptable shipyard for construction
- Insufficient Year 1 MREFC appropriations and/or NSF disapproval of the Awardee to obligate funds as part of FDR
- Insufficient out year appropriations to meet project objectives



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Notional Schedule

- Phase I Project Refresh Award to PDR – Q1 2013
- Conceptual Design Review (CDR) – December 2013
- Preliminary Design Review (PDR) – July 2014
- MREFC Request in NSF FY17 Budget – March 2015
- Final Design Review (FDR) – Q4 2016
- Begin Construction – Q1 2017
- Delivery of RCRV #1 - 2019