



3-5 December is CDR. If that goes well then proceed to the Preliminary Design Phase with a review in August 2014. Both of those reviews are possible off ramps. Assuming all is well, in March of 2015 NSF will make a request to Congress for FY17 MREFC funds. Number of vessels will be based on projected science utilization and availability of funds. Operator selection is planned for mid-2017 once the number of vessels is known.