



# R/V SIKULIAQ

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- **Acceptance Trials (Round 1!): February 2014**
  - Z-drive lube oil suction (Dry dock early April)
  - Stern A-frame
  - ACCU
- **Preliminary Acceptance by UAF (Round 2!): Early May 2014**
- **Multi-Beam & Deep Water Winch Trials: June – August 2014**
- **Science Operations: September - November 2014 (Ship Ops)**
- **Coring, Acoustic & Ice Trials: Spring 2015 (West Coast & Bering Sea)**



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- Successful Conceptual Design Review (CDR) with OSU – **December 2013**
- OCE recommends advancement to Preliminary Design Phase:
  - **Pending MREFC Panel recommendation and Director's approval to proceed**
- Three vessels currently planned
- Actual number of vessels constructed based on projected science utilization and availability of funding (**See OCE Letter to UNOLS FIC**):
  - **Request for UNOLS Community concurrence**
  - **Independent verification on OCE assumptions**



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## Off Ramps From the Solicitation:

- **NSF determination not to make an initial Awardee selection** PASSED
- Failure of the Awardee to satisfy CDR requirements and/or NSF disapproval of funding increment for PDR < Project is here
- Funding increment for PDR not explicitly included in a budget request and 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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- Operator selection to take place once number of vessels is known:
  - Solicitation in early CY 2017
- MREFC Funding Request for FY17 in March 2015
- First RCRV operational in ~CY 2020

