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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 **Content**
- 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

