Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)

RVOC - April 2014

- Successful Conceptual Design Review (CDR) with OSU – December 2013
- Advancement to Preliminary Design Phase Approved – February 2014
- PDR Scheduled - August 3-5, 2014
- 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
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
  - PASSED
- Funding increment for PDR not explicitly included in a budget request and appropriated by Congress
  - PASSED
- 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
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