



Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)

May 2016



- Phase II Award, Begin Shipyard Selection Process – February 2016
- RFI Released – May 2016
- Final Design Review (PDR) – October, 2016
- Operator Selection Solicitation – February, 2017
- *Two Regional Class Research Vessels (RCRV) were supported by the Ocean Sciences community's decadal report, and proposed by the President in NSF's Congressional request. If the final Appropriations bill contains three RCRVs, as proposed by the recent Senate Appropriations action, and the President signs the bill into law, NSF will prepare to accommodate the legislation.*
- Construction 2017 – 2020/22, depending on number of vessels