Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)

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Construction – started in July 2017

- U.S. Congress includes $121.88 M in FY 2017 and $105.00 M in FY 2018 NSF budget for construction of three RCRVs
- Design Verification and Transfer RCRV-1 extended through September 2018
- Lengthening to 199 feet to address space, weight and stability issues without reducing community desired science scope
- Keel Laying for RCRV-1 planned for October 2018
- Planned deliveries: RCRV-1 early 2021; RCRV-2 late 2021; RCRV-3 in 2023
- One year of sea trials and science verification before operations commence
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- **Operations** –
  - Oregon State University to operate RCRV-1
  - Additional operators determined by competition; Selection is in progress
  - Operators involved in respective activities: DVT through transition to operations
    - Will participate in region-specific requirements identification
    - Gain vessel familiarity to support transition to operations