Schmidt Ocean Institute Priorities

**Vision:** The world's oceans understood through technological advancement, intelligent observation, and open sharing of information.

**Strategic Focus Areas:**
- Commitment to Excellence in Oceanographic Research Operations
- Infrastructure, Platform, and Technology Development for Marine Sciences
- Collaborative Scientific Research Aboard Falkor
- Communications, Education, and Outreach Program
- Open Sharing of Information, Data, and Research Outcomes

“Technology first: new technology should drive SOI science program.”
– Eric Schmidt, July 29, 2014

“The purpose of this ship, as she leaves on her various missions, is to communicate about the science of the oceans to people so that they can care about it. We can’t take care of something that we don’t understand and we can’t care if we don’t know.”
– Wendy Schmidt, March 6, 2012, launch of Falkor
Expression of Interests are due December 28, 2018

Three proposal tracks:

- **Ocean Sciences** - accelerating research and exploration of the global ocean aboard R/V Falkor
- **Technology R&D** - technical innovation for disruptive impact in ocean sciences and conservation
- **Coral Reefs** - catalyzing scalable conservation of coral reefs and related ecosystems

We Look Forward to Collaborating with You

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