Introduction
OAR Review Process

- OAR requirement to review labs and programs every five years
  - Performance
  - Quality
  - Relevance
- Focus on past five years
- Not FACA
  - Federal chair
  - Chair compiles each reviewer’s write-up and submits to OAR
  - No effort to reach consensus
- Generally two reviewers per theme
- But, review process yet to be applied (successfully) to a program
OER Review Considerations

- OER reviewed in 2012
  - Science Advisory Board subcommittee
  - Gaffney and Ausubel co-chaired
- Some flexibility to adapt process to OER’s circumstances (and to look to the future)
- Excellent opportunity to augment OEAB’s ongoing assessment of OER with additional perspective
  - Timing is ideal given ocean exploration’s visibility
  - Allows check/update of OER strategic plan
OER Review Themes

• Ocean Exploration: Mapping and Characterization
• Technology: Development, Application, and Program Use
• Engagement: Reaching the Public*
• Data and Information: Availability and Access

* Excepting OER’s education program
OER Program Review Structure

• Background provided in advance
• Most materials presented during on-site briefings
• Time provided for Q&A and discussion
• Time provided for report outlining/writing
• Expectation that chair submits draft compiled review report within 45 days
Review Status

• Scheduled for 16-18 October at University of Rhode Island
• Rodney Cluck (BOEM) will chair
• “Soft” invitations made to nine additional reviewers
• Formal invites from the AA’s office soon