



**OER Program Review**  
Introduction

# OAR Review Process

- OAR requirement to review labs and programs every five years
- Formal process designed for laboratories
  - 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