

The United Nations has declared 1998 as the Year of the Oceans. The Navy League, in partnership with many other national organizations such as the Navy, Coast Guard, the Maritime Administration, NOAA, NASA, and the Department of Education, is working to ensure that all Americans, especially young people, learn more about this delicate and crucial element of the global ecosystem. By entering this competition, you will learn about things like weather and climate, oceanography, geography, history and more!

As we approach the 21st Century, it is very important that the United States shoulders its responsibility as a world leader and a maritime nation. A vital component of our leadership role is to help advance scientific discovery with respect to the world's oceans. Expanded understanding of the complex interactions between the sea, air and land is critical if we are to ensure the long-term good health of our environment. I am very excited about the fact that using the Internet is key to participating in this contest. In order to get the most up-to-date information about the contest, please visit our website at <http://www.navyleague.org>, or go to our partners in this contest, the Oceanographer of the Navy (<http://oceanographer.navy.mil>), the National Geographic Society (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com>) and the Navy Memorial (<http://www.lonesailor.org>).

Be a part of history and form your team to Name This Ship today! I look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC!

Sincerely,
Jack M. Kennedy
National President

Navy League of the United States

"Serving since 1902 to educate the American people and support the men and women of the sea services".

Youth Programs

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is a federally chartered non-profit civilian youth training organization for young people aged 13 - 17. Sponsored by the Navy League, NSCC is supported by the Navy and the Coast Guard. Over 8,800 cadets were enrolled in 1996 nationwide, and over 5,700 cadets participated in various summer training programs including working with Navy SEALs, Coast Guard Search and Rescue teams, and even learning how to fly airplanes!

The Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) is a youth program designed for boys and girls aged 11 - 13 sponsored and supported by the Navy League. This exciting educational and training program was established to provide younger Americans with an opportunity to learn more about our nation's proud maritime heritage through training, education and hands-on instruction.

The Navy League awards Scholarships and also conducts an annual Essay Contest. Navy League National Headquarters and local Councils awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships and awards over the 1996/1997 school year to deserving students all over the country.

To learn more about the Navy League of the United States and its Youth Programs, call us at (800) 356-5760, or visit our website at <http://www.navyleague.org>.

APPENDIX X. CBD Announcement for Operator Selection

CBD ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OPERATOR SELECTION
Office of Naval Research, 800 N. Quincy St., Arlington, VA
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OPERATION OF ONE OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
VESSEL:

The ship will be constructed as a general purpose oceanographic research vessel, the AGOR 26. To be eligible to operate the vessel, the offeror must be a member of the University National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) or meet the requirements and agree to apply for full membership if selected. In order to maintain the nation's oceanographic fleet at the optimum size, a current CLASS I or CLASS II UNOLS vessel must be retired or otherwise removed from service by the date the AGOR 26 commences operations. Thus, to be eligible for award, the offeror must be able to exchange or retire a CLASS I or CLASS II UNOLS oceanographic research vessel. In addition, the successful offeror is expected to (1) provide institution funds annually to defray part of the cost of ship operations; (2) provide technical assistance during the period covering design development through builder selection and vessel delivery; (3) enter into a renewable charter party agreement with the Navy; (4) maintain and operate the ship under sound maritime practices; (5) complete final outfitting of the vessel; (6) undertake a cooperative role in scheduling and operating the ship in the support of Navy research programs and the larger U.S. ocean science research community. Interested parties should request the RFP by 17 October 1997 to be considered further. Send written requests for the RFP to the above address, to the attention of Code 32IRF.

OPERATOR SELECTION

CBD issued - 15 September 1997
Must request RFP by 17 October 1997
Proposal due by 5 Dec 1997
Expect decision in January 1998

FUNDING

CNR requested use of 804 process (Feb 97)
Supported by NAVSEA 00, N096, ASN(RD&A), SECNAV
Need to resolve use of process with ~SCN funds
Exploring conversion of SCN to R&D (under Navsea)

SHIP DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

If SCN, refinement of requirements, similar to AGOR process
If R&D/804 process, development of performance needs
Inclusion of operator, ship design, and shipyard.
If R&D (FY 97 \$\$), the funds must be obligated before Oct 98.

APENDIX XI. CORE Report

NOPP Program Office Status

- Competitively Awarded to CORE, Jul 1997
- Handover from SCG: in progress
- Two of three additional positions filled
- Virtual Ocean Data Center Workshop