



# **Office of Polar Programs Office Advisory Committee Meeting**

## **OPP Director's Remarks**

*Karl Erb, Director*



# OPP Director's Report

## November 10, 2010



- Personnel Changes
- Budget
  - FY 2011 Request
    - \$473 million for OPP Research & Research Support, +5.1% over FY 2010 (\$54 million for USCG)
    - June 29, House Appropriations Subcommittee markup = Request
    - July 22, Senate Appropriations Committee markup = ~1% below Request (\$7.4 billion)
    - Continuing Resolution through December 3
  - FY 2012 Request: In Preparation
- Polar Icebreaking
- Secretary Clinton's Visit to Christchurch
- Meeting Agenda



# OPP Personnel



- Dr. Subra Suresh joins NSF as Director
- Additions
  - Peter West, Education & Outreach Program Director
  - Laura Lukes, Einstein Fellow
    - Replacing Marti Canipe
  - C. Nikoosh Carlo, AAAS Fellow
  - LtCol Mark Sakadolsky, DoD Liaison
    - Replacing COL Ian Biggins
- Other Departures
  - Martin Jeffries, Arctic Observing Network Program Director
- Recruitments
  - OPP Deputy Director
  - Deputy Division Director, Arctic Sciences
  - Arctic Observing Network Program Director, Arctic Sciences
  - Cyberinfrastructure Program Director, Antarctic/Arctic
  - Ocean Projects Manager, Antarctic Infrastructure & Logistics
  - Systems Manager, Antarctic Infrastructure & Logistics



# Polar Icebreaking

- USCG
  - \$54 million transferred to USCG from NSF in FY 2010
    - Likely the same in FY 2011
  - Healy is the only operational Coast Guard icebreaker
    - Polar Sea engine issues, out of service until September 2011
    - Polar Star undergoing upgrade, reactivation planned for 2013
- ODEN
  - Single ship operation for McMurdo break-in
  - Supported by risk analysis
  - Significant recent ice flushing in McMurdo Sound



# Meeting Agenda

- USAP Review Update
- Arctic and Antarctic Prime Support Contract competitions
- OPP Response to COV Reports
- Planning for Deep Field Facilities
- Planning Toward a Polar Research Vessel
- OPP Staffing Issues
  - Recruiting
- National Ocean Council
- Statutory Assessment Requirements: Alaska Research
- FY 2010 CRI and FY 2011 SEES