

BEST

An NSF contribution to
understanding the Bering Sea
Ecosystem

Timeline

- Solicitation release – 14 September 2005
- Target Date – 15 December 2005
- Panel – 18-19 April 2006

Budget

- Anticipated budget for the entire four years
- \$10 million.
- Budgeted for FY06 - \$2.55 million
- Recommended for FY06 - \$3.361 million

Recommended for funding

- Zhang– modeling
- Shull– Benthic denitrification
- Sambrotto– Nitrogen dynamics and new production
- Wu – Iron fertilization
- John – Nelson Island Natural and Cultural Knowledge

Field Activities

- Cruise planning meeting 7 – 8 September
- USCGC Healy
- One cruise
- ~40 days
- Early April departure
- Possible space for ‘not to interfere’ programs

Future Plans

- Round two competition
- Format unknown
- Modest increase to total anticipated budget