



## Solicitation of Ideas for OCB Scoping Workshops

Dear Colleagues:

The Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB) Program (<http://www.us-ocb.org>) is soliciting ideas for the next **TWO** OCB scoping workshops that fall within the following overarching scientific themes:

### *Improve understanding and prediction of:*

- 1. Oceanic uptake and release of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases*
- 2. Climate sensitivities of biogeochemical cycles and interactions with ecosystem structure*

The purpose of these scoping workshops is to provide the research community with a public venue to identify research challenges and to develop an implementation plan to address a specific OCB-relevant research topic. An essential outcome is a report within 4 months of the workshop to catalyze additional planning for future OCB field and research programs. We expect that discussions at the workshop and by the broader research community will motivate self-identified groups and individuals to develop and submit proposals post-workshop to OCB-relevant funding targets (<http://www.us-ocb.org/meetings/index.html#funding>).

Previous OCB Scoping Workshops:

- Ocean Acidification (October 9-11, 2007, La Jolla, CA) <http://www.whoi.edu/sites/OceanAcidificationMeeting>
- Terrestrial and Coastal Carbon Fluxes and Exchanges in the Gulf of Mexico (May 6-8, 2008, St. Petersburg, FL) <http://www.whoi.edu/sites/GMxCarbon>
- Observing Biogeochemical Cycles at Global Scales with Profiling Floats and Gliders (April 28-30, 2009, Moss Landing, CA) <http://www.whoi.edu/sites/OCBfloatsgliders>
- New Frontiers in Southern Ocean Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research (June 8-11, 2009, Princeton, NJ) <http://www.whoi.edu/sites/soscopying>

We are currently accepting proposals describing ideas for potential OCB scoping workshops. Proposals that describe independent OCB-related activities will be given priority over those that seek to leverage support for other ongoing meetings, projects, or activities. Proposals should be a maximum of 5 pages in length, including a short summary paragraph, scientific justification, a list of workshop objectives and products, a brief list of potential attendees, preliminary logistical information, a budget,

budget justification, and references. The target budget for scoping workshops is \$50K. In order to be as focused and effective as possible, scoping workshops should be limited to 50 participants. Proposals should explicitly describe 1) How the workshop supports and advances OCB research priorities; and 2) Products and implementation measures (science plans, data syntheses and management practices, websites, etc.) that will result from the workshop. More specific guidelines for planning scoping workshops can be found at [http://www.us-ocb.org/Scoping\\_wkshop\\_guide.pdf](http://www.us-ocb.org/Scoping_wkshop_guide.pdf). Please submit workshop proposals electronically to the OCB Project Office ([hbenway@whoi.edu](mailto:hbenway@whoi.edu)) by **September 15, 2009** for consideration by the OCB Scientific Steering Committee. Decisions will be announced by October so that planning can get underway for 2010 scoping workshops.