Considerations for a National Ocean Exploration Program
Considerations for a National Program

- 2000 President’s Panel Report
  - Defines the attributes of a national program
  - Calls for such a program
- Public Law 111-11
  - Defines a national program
  - Defines NOAA’s role
- National Ocean Policy – reinforces the continuing importance of ocean exploration
Perspectives on a National Program

• What contribution can you make to a coordinated national ocean exploration program?
• How would a national ocean exploration program benefit you?
• What would allow you to partner with NOAA more effectively in support of a national ocean exploration program?
• How can we together define, reinforce and encourage a viable national program?
• How do you envision a national exploration program should look in 5-10 years?
Perspectives on a National Program

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