



The ECORD-NSF Memorandum of Understanding
has been signed over summer 2014!

After long months of completion, the ECORD-NSF Memorandum of Understanding has been eventually signed over this summer. ECORD is now officially a member of the *JOIDES Resolution* Consortium of the IODP during the period October 1st, 2013 – September 30th, 2019. During this period, the ECORD funding will be of US\$ 7 M annually within the limits of available funds.

ECORD may elect to (1) send up to eight ECORD scientists on each *JOIDES Resolution* expedition, (2) have fourteen voting representatives on the Science Evaluation Panel, (3) have four voting representatives on the Environmental Protection and Safety Panel, and have one member on the *JOIDES Resolution* Facility Board.

The *JOIDES Resolution* Consortium members may elect to send up to thirteen scientists, i.e. eight US scientists and five scientists from other members, on each Mission-specific platform expedition. Each member of the *JOIDES Resolution* Consortium may have one formal member on the ECORD Facility Board and may send additional representatives as observers to the ECORD Facility Board meetings.



The JOIDES Resolution during Izu Bonin Mariana Expedition (Tim Fulton, IODP/TAMU)



The lift boat Kayd during New Jersey Shallow Shelf Expedition (E. Gillespie ©ECORD/IODP)