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Dear Colleagues,

The Implementation Plan for the U.S. GEOTRACES North Atlantic Section is now available (<http://www.whoi.edu/conference/geotracesAtlantic/>). This document provides the scientific rationale for the section as well as general guidelines for investigators who wish to participate.

It is anticipated that many of the proposals to participate in this section will be submitted to the Chemical Oceanography Program at NSF for the regular deadline on 15 February 2009 in order to complete the planning for a cruise in late 2010. Furthermore, having a complete set of proposals at this time will provide reviewers the opportunity to see the full scientific potential of the planned section. While proposals submitted to the 15 August 2009 deadline may be processed in time to provide funding for the cruise, interested investigators are encouraged to submit proposals by 15 February. Planning for the North Atlantic section has involved regular interaction with the Chemical Oceanography program at NSF, and the program anticipates receiving proposals for the 15 February deadline.

The Implementation Plan builds on the scientific objectives described in the GEOTRACES Science Plan (<http://www.geotraces.org/sciencePlan/documents/GEOTRACESFinalWebVersion.pdf>) and it develops a U.S. contribution to a broader suite of activities in the Atlantic Ocean developed during an international workshop held at the University of Oxford in 2007 ([http://www.geotraces.org/documents/GEOTRACES\\_Atlantic\\_Report.pdf](http://www.geotraces.org/documents/GEOTRACES_Atlantic_Report.pdf)). The Implementation Plan was initially developed as the product of a workshop held in Woods Hole (22-24 September, 2008; <http://www.whoi.edu/conference/geotracesAtlantic/>) and earlier drafts were vetted through comments from the U.S. Chemical Oceanography community.

Participation is open to the entire U.S. Chemical Oceanography community. Interested investigators are encouraged to review the Science Plan, the Atlantic Workshop Report, and the U.S. Atlantic Implementation Plan (sources provided above) before preparing their proposals.

The U.S. GEOTRACES project office will provide information to assist with planning and proposal preparation. General questions can be e-mailed to <[geotraces@ldeo.columbia.edu](mailto:geotraces@ldeo.columbia.edu)>. Investigators who wish to participate are encouraged to submit a brief (one paragraph) description of their interests, and how they fulfill GEOTRACES objectives, to the project office. These statements will be posted on the GEOTRACES web site to assist in proposal preparation. It is anticipated that berths and lab space on the cruise will be at a premium, so coordination among interested investigators to share personnel and lab facilities is encouraged. Submission of a statement of interest is voluntary and intended to facilitate proposal preparation, collaboration, and the efficient use of ship resources.

This announcement is distributed on behalf of the U.S. GEOTRACES Scientific Steering Committee,  
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