Engagement Update

US Academic Research Fleet
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The United States Academic Research Fleet is a NSF large facility organized through the University National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) which was formed in 1972 and currently consists of eighteen oceanographic research vessels that vary in size and capability from large Global Class vessels to Coastal Class vessels. The vessels are owned by multiple different agencies and institutions and are operated by fourteen different institutions.
Our Engagement Team

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1 Engagement Goals
Examine the current state of IdM and find a path forward by building a prototype federated IdM service and identifying potential pitfalls and recommending solutions as we go.

2 Our Starting Point
We sent a survey to member institutions to catalog IdM practices as currently implemented among the fleet.

3 Obstacles and Solutions
The fleet is constantly in motion and can't rely on connectivity 100% of the time. A large number of temporary staff and visitors transition in and out of the fleet on a regular basis.

4 Next Steps
We have been building a prototype IdM solution that can function in a limited connectivity environment, using CILogon, COManage and OpenLDAP
Discussion