



News Release

## GLOBAL FOUNDATION FOR OCEAN EXPLORATION JOINS WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL

### Undersea Engineering and Exploration Group joins the World Ocean Council Alliance

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The World Ocean Council is honoured to welcome the [Global Foundation for Ocean Exploration](#) (GFOE) among its members. By joining the international, cross-sectoral leadership alliance on ocean sustainable development, science and stewardship, the GFOE offers its expertise in developing the capabilities and fostering the relationships necessary to explore the global ocean.

The GFOE is a non-profit organization that designs, builds, and operates robotic platforms that explore the most extreme underwater environments on the planet—from the deep ocean to the largest lakes. The GFOE trains the ocean exploration workforce by offering career paths for young engineers, as well as for film makers who tell the incredible stories of our ocean (follow their [YouTube channel](#)). The organization also has the capability to video stream their explorations live to the public through the Internet.

GFOE Founder and CEO, David Lovalvo, said: “We are pleased to be part of the World Ocean Council. Through our work in the deep sea, we help society to understand, interpret and sustainably manage our critical ocean environment. We empower the maritime community by providing the tools and expertise required to reach the depths of the planet’s largest and deepest bodies of water.”

WOC CEO, Paul Holthus, added: “It is truly a pleasure to count GFOE among our Members. We look forward to working together on ocean sustainable development, and more precisely on the development of the WOC *Smart Ocean – Smart Industries* Program. The GFOE is uniquely positioned to establish partnerships at the crossing of public and private sectors, as well as with academic institutions. Their expertise will be valuable as we work to strengthen the SO-SI Program, and place it as a central platform in accelerating and coordinating the collection of data by commercial vessels and platforms.”

#### **About GFOE**

GFOE is a 501c3 non-profit organization headquartered in Mystic, CT. GFOE designs, builds, and operates deep ocean technologies. It also trains the ocean exploration workforce in engineering, data management, and filmmaking, with an emphasis on ethics and attention to detail.

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## **Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2017: 29 Nov-01 Dec, Halifax, Canada**

**SOS 2017 Theme: “The Ocean Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 14):  
Business Leadership and Business Opportunities”**

**DISCOUNTED EARLY REGISTRATION RATE TO END ON OCTOBER 16!**

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### **REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE**

Participate in the only yearly ocean business community summit:  
SOS 2017 early registration fees are about to end.

**Become a WOC “Affiliate Member” and benefit from reduced registration rates for SOS 2017.  
Join the WOC “Young Ocean Professionals” (YOPs) to receive reduced SOS 2017 registration rates.**

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### **PARTNER AND SPONSOR**

**SOS PARTNERS and SPONSORS:** [Join the leadership organizations supporting the SOS 2017!](#)  
SOS 2017 Partner and [Sponsorship opportunities](#) are still available.

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with WOC as SOS 2017 [Event Endorsers and Media Partners](#).

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### **Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement**

11-12 October, BRUSSELS

**Maritime Spatial Planning for Blue Growth** (Speaker)

14 October, WASHINGTON DC

**World Bank Annual Meetings - Small States Forum** (Invited Speaker)

15-17 October, MONACO

**International Workshop on Socio-Economics of Ocean Acidification** (Invited Participant)

16-17 October, ROTTERDAM

**Green Shipping Summit** (Opening Plenary Speaker)

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#### **About the World Ocean Council (WOC)**

*The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”, including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, investment. WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part*

*of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US and the UK/Europe.*

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