## **Marine Minerals Program**

## MISSION

Facilitate access to and manage the Nation's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) non-energy marine minerals through environmentally responsible stewardship, prudent exploration and leasing activities, coordination with governmental partners, stakeholder engagement, and mission-focused research to improve decision-making and risk management.

## VISION

Serve as the lead agency proactively addressing the Nation's current and long-term interests in OCS non-energy marine minerals:

- Act as the Nation's steward and scientific expert for OCS non-energy marine mineral sources.
- Identify, assess, and sustainably manage resources to ensure future availability.
- Promote strategic stakeholder engagement to facilitate planning and information sharing.
- Develop forward-looking science strategies to fulfill critical information and data needs.
- Foster ecosytem health and restoration while addressing the Nation's evolving marine mineral resource needs.
- Prepare comprehensive marine resource impact assessments, adopt integrated adaptive management principles, and develop practicable mitigation to avoid and minimize impacts.

