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A large, powerful ocean wave is the central focus, curling into a barrel. The water is a deep, vibrant blue. Overlaid on the upper portion of the image is a digital graphic consisting of several semi-transparent squares in various shades of blue and green, connected by thin, yellowish lines that form a network or circuit-like pattern. The background behind the wave is a gradient from light yellow to white at the top, transitioning into the dark blue of the ocean.

Shaping the future of ocean
science and technology
through discovery,
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and action

We are a **consortium** of the leading ocean science and technology institutions from academia, aquaria, and industry. Based in Washington, D.C., Consortium for Ocean Leadership (COL) advances ocean research, innovation, education, and sound ocean policy.

Our Impact

We have a proven track record of shaping the future of ocean science and technology through discovery, understanding, and action. Representing institutions across the U.S., Australia, Bermuda, and Canada, we have managed over a billion dollars in science funding since our inception, supporting every aspect of oceanic discovery from the ocean floor to outer space.

Our Approach

We manage, coordinate, and facilitate ocean research and education programs between academic and industrial oceanographic institutions and government entities in the areas of ocean exploration, ocean observing, analysis and prediction, and informal education. With the reputation for being a credible, reliable, and trustworthy source of information for policymakers in the nation's capital, we advocate for sound ocean policy and wise investment in ocean science, infrastructure, and education.

Our Story

COL formed as a nonprofit in 2007 through the merger of two premier ocean science organizations with more than 40 years of history representing the scientific community and managing major programs – the **Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE)** and the **Joint Oceanographic Institutions (JOI)**. This created a unified voice for oceanographic research and education in the nation's capital. Today, COL continues to unite the ocean science, technology, and education communities through advocacy, program management, and facilitation of research efforts.

Highlights of Our History

COL has a rich history of managing community-wide ocean research and technology programs for the federal government, private foundations, and businesses. Through program administration of these initiatives, COL has facilitated countless national and international scientific discoveries.

- Census of Marine Life
- Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence
- Deep Earth Academy
- Dynamics of Earth and Ocean Systems
- International Ocean Drilling Program
- Marine Geoscience Leadership Symposium
- National Oceanographic Partnership Program
- Ocean Research Advisory Panel
- U.S. Science Support Program

“Oceans are critical
to our very survival.”

– Admiral James D. Watkins,
former Joint Ocean Commission Co-Chair & COL Honorary Trustee

