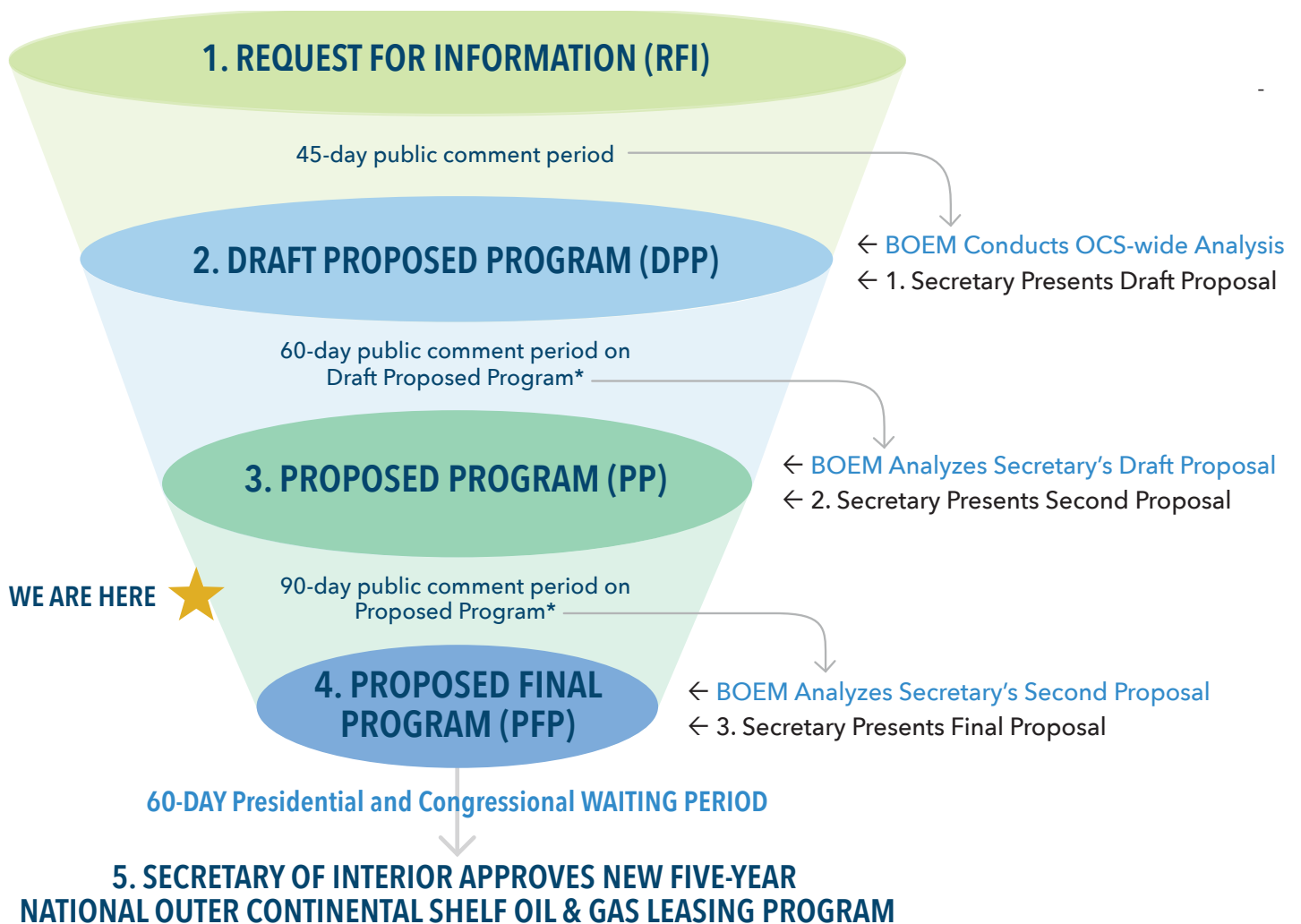


National OCS Program Development Process

This is the process for developing the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program, in accordance with Section 18 of the OCS Lands Act. The process begins with the broadest consideration of the OCS and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior can narrow the size, timing, and location of potential lease sales throughout the process. This process includes 5 major steps, 3 public comment periods, and 3 analytical phases.



*Optional public engagement meetings