SPECIAL NOTICE | OPEN | FEDERAL

Albatross UAS Flight Control Software Testing and Application Opportunity

Department of Defense › Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) › Def Advanced Research Projects Agcy

Solicitation DARPA-SN-27-04

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

B
74

Strong · 74 / 100

High data confidence

Strong (B, 74/100): posted today, typical award ~$1.8M.

+9.0 Freshness | +6.2 Value | +6.1 Issuer & market | +1.4 Time & stage

Informational, not advice. How the score works: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

At a glance

ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$1.8M Estimated: median award, FY24–FY26	None Full and open competition	541715 Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	AC13 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Not stated	Nov 18, 2026	Dec 17, 2026, 5:00 PM EST 28 days left	Official federal notice Updated Nov 18, 2026

Our summary

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) (Def Advanced Research Projects Agcy), part of the Department of Defense, posted a special notice titled “Albatross UAS Flight Control Software Testing and Application Opportunity” under solicitation number DARPA-SN-27-04. It was posted on Nov 18, 2026. Responses are due Dec 17, 2026, 5:00 PM EST.
It is classified under NAICS 541715 (Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)) and product/service code AC13. No set-aside is listed. The listed point of contact is BAA Coordinator.

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline

- **Posted** Nov 18
- **Response due** Dec 17
- **Archive** Dec 18

02 Score breakdown

Every RFP starts at 50. Each factor adds or subtracts points depending on how this RFP compares with a typical one, scaled by its weight and by how sure we are of the data. Unknown data has no effect.

Factor		◀ lowers the score · raises the score ▶	Points	Range
Value	ESTIMATED		+6.2	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 80%
No value published. Typical award is about $1.8M: the median of 314 DARPA contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 541715, FY24–FY26.				
Competition & access	MEASURED		+0.3	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 100%
Full and open competition. The largest recipient took 21% of these dollars in FY24–FY26.				
Issuer & market	MEASURED		+6.1	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 100%
DARPA obligated $3.2B on NAICS 541715 across 314 contracts in FY24–FY26. 55 other notices from this office in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		+1.4	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
Special notice: 28 days to respond (due Dec 17, 2026, 5:00 PM EST).				
Clarity & completeness	ESTIMATED		+0.7	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 75%
Documents not listed, named contact with email, 378-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		+9.0	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Posted today.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **73.7**

Score **74** **(B)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days

The trend appears once the score has changed. Time-dependent factors (deadline, freshness) are re-evaluated every night.

Evaluated Nov 19, 2026, 6:16 AM EST · version 1.0.0

How the score works

Value	weight 20 · −18.0 to +18.0
Competition & access	weight 20 · −18.0 to +18.0
Issuer & market	weight 20 · −23.4 to +12.6
Time & stage	weight 15 · −14.9 to +12.2
Clarity & completeness	weight 15 · −18.9 to +8.1
Freshness	weight 10 · −9.0 to +9.0

Measured data counts fully, estimated data counts less, unknown data counts zero. Grades: A 80–100 · B 65–79 · C 50–64 · D 35–49 · F 0–34. Data confidence (92/100) is how much of the score rests on measured data.

Full methodology: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

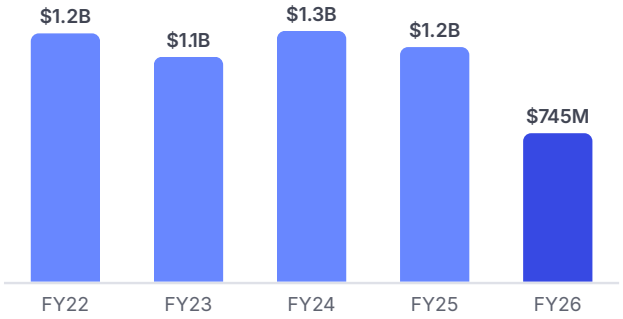
03 Market intelligence

Federal contract awards for Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, NAICS 541715. Award counts and sizes cover new awards in FY24–FY26; dollars are obligations in the same window.

CONTRACTS AWARDED	TOTAL OBLIGATED	MEDIAN AWARD OVER $25K
314	**$3.2B**	**$1.8M**
New awards, FY24–FY26	Obligated FY24–FY26	314 awards above $25K

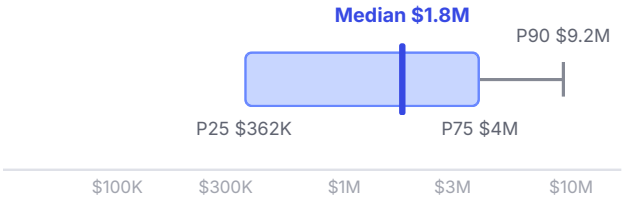
Obligations by fiscal year

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, NAICS 541715



Award size

DARPA NAICS 541715 contracts, FY24–FY26 (log scale)



For reference, the typical federal contract award above $25K across all agencies is about $69K.

Largest recipients in this market

Share of obligated dollars, FY24–FY26

1	Lockheed Martin Corporation	$654M	21%
2	The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory LLC	$650M	20%
3	Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation	$125M	4%
4	Systems & Technology Research LLC	$103M	3%
5	BAE Systems Information & Electronic Systems Integration Inc	$80.1M	3%

These are the largest recipients across this agency and NAICS code, not the incumbent of this RFP. Concentration feeds the Competition & access factor.

How this market feeds the score

Value	Competition & access	Issuer & market
+6.2	+0.3	+6.1
Typical award ~$1.8M	Full and open	Active buyer ($3.2B FY24–FY26)

Federal award history: contract award types A–D, FY24–FY26, updated Nov 13, 2026.

04 Requirements & logistics

Facts from the notice. Confirm every requirement and date on the official notice before responding.

Eligibility

SET-ASIDE

Full and open competition: any responsible business may respond.

NAICS

541715 Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)

PRODUCT / SERVICE CODE

AC13

Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Not stated

HOW TO SUBMIT

As instructed in the official solicitation

OFFICIAL SOLICITATION

Open the official solicitation at rfpdetector.com (free account)

Contacts

BAA Coordinator · primary
darpa-sn-27-04@darpa.mil

Documents

No documents are listed on the notice.

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Before you respond

Confirm on the official notice

- [ ] Read every attachment and amendment on the official solicitation
- [ ] Confirm the response deadline and time zone
  Dec 17, 2026, 5:00 PM EST
- [ ] Check you meet the set-aside / eligibility requirement
  Full and open competition
- [ ] Make sure your federal entity registration (UEI) is active
  Federal awards require an active entity registration
- [ ] Confirm how to submit
  See the official solicitation

Bid / no-bid questions

For your own decision

- [ ] Do you have relevant past performance for this scope and customer?
- [ ] Can you staff and deliver on time with a compliant response?
- [ ] Can you perform where the work is located?
- [ ] Does your pricing fit the typical award range ($362K–$4M)?
- [ ] Do you need a teaming partner or subcontractors to cover the full scope?

A generic checklist, not advice to bid or not bid.

05 Related RFPs

Open RFPs with the same NAICS industry group or category (same state first, then by score), and more from this issuer. Each title links to its page on RFP Detector.

Similar open RFPs

- A | 85 **Multi-Domain Force Applications and Traffic Management for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (M-FAT)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 85 **Automated Processes for Knowledge Discovery and Information Retrieval**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 85 **Adaptive Fusion, & Reasoning of Multi-Source Data (Afar)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 85 **Extreme Computing**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 85 **Signals Intelligence (Sigint) Solutions for Evolving Scenarios (Sess)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date

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- D | 48 **Resilient Ultra Short Pulsed Laser Sources - RFI**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 20
- C | 58 **Solid-State Energy Conversion from Heat to Electricity Request for Information (RFI)**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 23
- D | 44 **ERIS Shopping Notice: High Duty Cycle High Energy Lasers (HEL) for SWaP-Constrained Systems**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 30
- C | 57 **Quantum Benchmarking Initiative Topic (QBIT) Stage A**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 30

Data and as-of times

Notice data	Official federal notice, first seen Nov 19, 2026, updated Nov 18, 2026
Market data	Federal award history, contract award types A–D, FY24–FY26, updated Nov 13, 2026
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