SPECIAL NOTICE | CLOSED | FEDERAL

Area of Interest under PHO ISO: ASCENT-IBO

Department of Health and Human Services › National Institutes of Health › Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (Arpa-H)

Solicitation `ARPA-H-SN-26-158`

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

Score at publication: 62 (C)

Frozen when the RFP closed; closed RFPs never show a live score

Fair (C, 62/100): posted today, active buyer ($4.4B FY24–FY26); but full and open (strong incumbent).

+9.0 Freshness | +6.8 Issuer & market | −6.0 Competition & access | +2.8 Value

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

At a glance

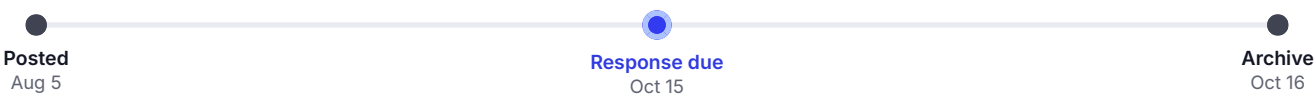
ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$901K Estimated: median award, FY24–FY26	None Full and open competition	541715 Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	AN13 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Not stated	Aug 5, 2026	Oct 15, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT Closed	Official federal notice Updated Aug 5, 2026

Our summary

National Institutes of Health (Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (Arpa-H)), part of the Department of Health and Human Services, posted a special notice titled “Area of Interest under PHO ISO: ASCENT-IBO” under solicitation number ARPA-H-SN-26-158. It was posted on Aug 5, 2026. The response deadline was Oct 15, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT. It is classified under NAICS 541715 and product/service code AN13. No set-aside is listed. 1 document is attached to the notice. The listed point of...

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline



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		+2.8	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 80%
No value published. Typical award is about $901K: the median of 555 National Institutes of Health contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 541715, FY24–FY26.				
Competition & access	MEASURED		−6.0	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 100%
Full and open competition. The largest recipient took 49% of these dollars in FY24–FY26, so expect a strong incumbent.				
Issuer & market	MEASURED		+6.8	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 100%
National Institutes of Health obligated $4.4B on NAICS 541715 across 629 contracts in FY24–FY26. 15 other notices from this office in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		+1.2	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
Special notice: 71 days to respond (due Oct 15, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT). Long lead time.				
Clarity & completeness	ESTIMATED		−1.4	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 65%
1 document, named contact with email, description not yet retrieved (scored as neutral).				
Freshness	MEASURED		+9.0	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Posted today.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **62.4**

Score at publication **62** **(C)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days

Closed RFPs keep their score at publication, so there is no live trend.

Evaluated Aug 5, 2026, 1:00 PM EDT · 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 (91/100) is how much of the score rests on measured data.

Full methodology: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

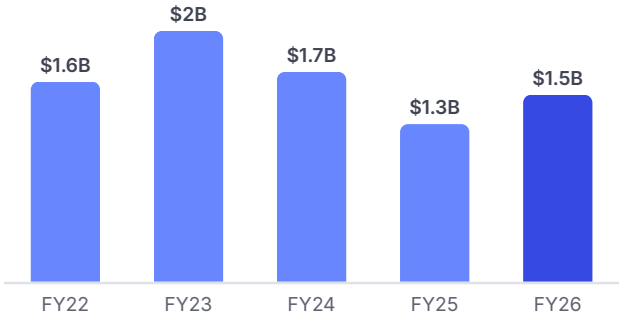
03 Market intelligence

Federal contract awards for National Institutes of Health, 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
629	**$4.4B**	**$901K**
New awards, FY24–FY26	Obligated FY24–FY26	555 awards above $25K

Obligations by fiscal year

National Institutes of Health, NAICS 541715



Award size

National Institutes of Health 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	Leidos Biomedical Research Inc	$2.2B	49%
2	Westat, Inc.	$213M	5%
3	Technical Resources International, Inc.	$136M	3%
4	Duke University	$111M	3%
5	Icahn School Of Medicine At Mount Sinai	$73.5M	2%

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
+2.8	−6.0	+6.8
Typical award ~$901K	Full and open (strong incumbent)	Active buyer ($4.4B 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

AN13

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

SEE DESCRIPTION SECTION · primary
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Documents

1 listed

SN_26_158_ASCENT_IBO.pdf

Document names from the official notice. RFP Detector doesn't re-host notice documents.

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This RFP is closed

Responses are no longer accepted, so the response checklist is omitted. The facts above stay available for reference and for similar bids; see similar open RFPs and more from this issuer on page 5.

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 **Ultra-Broadband Terahertz Radio Development**
  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

More from Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (Arpa-H)

- C | 62 **Simulation-augmented, Real-time Platform Adaptive Seamless Trials (SURPASS)**
  National Institutes of Health · Due Nov 30
- B | 65 **Systems for Phenotypic Evaluation, Clinical Trajectories, Response, and Agency (SPECTRA)**
  National Institutes of Health · Due Dec 2
- C | 59 **Technology InteGrator and AcceleratoR (TIGAR)**
  National Institutes of Health · Due Dec 8
- C | 59 **UNifying Imaging with QUantum Entanglement (UNIQUE) Innovative Solutions Opening (ISO)**
  National Institutes of Health · Due Dec 15

Data and as-of times

Notice data	Official federal notice, first seen Nov 13, 2026, updated Aug 5, 2026
Market data	Federal award history, contract award types A–D, FY24–FY26, updated Nov 13, 2026
Score	RFP Detector Score v1.0.0, evaluated Aug 5, 2026, 1:00 PM EDT (score at publication, frozen)
Report	ID efa94dc7aab557090791 · generated Nov 18, 2026, 4:45 PM EST
Official notice	Open the official solicitation at rfpdetector.com (free account)

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