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Department of Education Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase IB 2026: Pre-Solicitation

Department of Education › Contracts and Acquistions Management

Solicitation 91990026R0004

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

Fair • 51 / 100

Fair (C, 51/100): solicitation not out yet, clear, complete notice; but posted 225 days ago.

−8.1 Freshness | +4.1 Time & stage | +3.7 Clarity & completeness | +3.3 Competition & access

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

At a glance

ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$390K Estimated: median award, FY24–FY26	Small-business set-aside Set-aside code SBA	541720 Research and Development in the Social Sciences and Humanities	AF11 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Not stated	Apr 14, 2026	Not stated	Official federal notice Updated Apr 14, 2026

Our summary

Department of Education (Contracts and Acquistions Management) posted a presolicitation notice titled “Department of Education Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase IB 2026: Pre-Solicitation” under solicitation number 91990026R0004. It was posted on Apr 14, 2026. The notice does not state a response deadline. It is classified under NAICS 541720 (Research and Development in the Social Sciences and Humanities) and product/service code AF11. The set-aside is listed as Small Business Set Aside - Total. The listed point of contact is David Yadeta.

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline

Blue line: today (Nov 27)



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		−1.2	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 80%
No value published. Typical award is about $390K: the median of 177 ED contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 541720, FY24–FY26.				
Competition & access	MEASURED		+3.3	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 100%
Total small-business set-aside. The largest recipient took 35% of these dollars in FY24–FY26.				
Issuer & market	MEASURED		−0.6	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 100%
ED obligated $601M on NAICS 541720 across 181 contracts in FY24–FY26. 5 other notices from this office in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		+4.1	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
The solicitation isn't out yet, so there's time to prepare.				
Clarity & completeness	ESTIMATED		+3.7	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 75%
Documents not listed, 2 named contacts with email, 763-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		−8.1	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Posted 225 days ago.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **51.2**

Score **51** (C)

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days



Nov 13: 53 Nov 15: 51

Evaluated Nov 26, 2026, 3:23 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

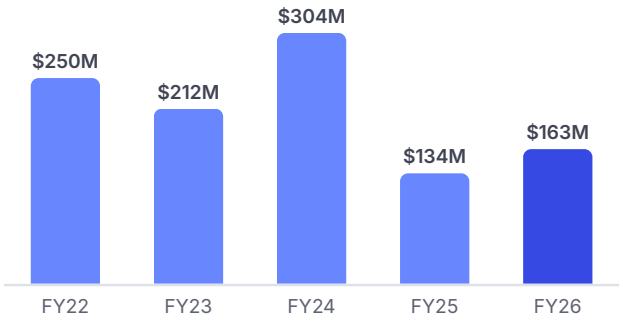
03 Market intelligence

Federal contract awards for Department of Education, NAICS 541720. 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
181	**$601M**	**$390K**
New awards, FY24–FY26	Obligated FY24–FY26	177 awards above $25K

Obligations by fiscal year

Department of Education, NAICS 541720



Award size

ED NAICS 541720 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	**Westat, Inc.**	$212M	35%
2	**Educational Testing Service**	$148M	25%
3	**American Institutes For Research In The Behavioral Sciences**	$60.1M	10%
4	**Ncs Pearson Inc**	$24.8M	4%
5	**Research Triangle Institute**	$13.6M	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
−1.2	+3.3	−0.6
Small typical award (~$390K)	Small-business set-aside	Limited award history ($601M FY24–FY26)

Federal award history: contract award types A–D, FY24–FY26, updated Nov 15, 2026.

04 Requirements & logistics

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

Eligibility

SET-ASIDE

Total small-business set-aside: only businesses that are small under the NAICS size standard may respond.

NAICS

`541720` Research and Development in the Social Sciences and Humanities

PRODUCT / SERVICE CODE

`AF11`

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)

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Documents

No documents are listed on the notice.

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

Before you respond

Confirm on the official notice

- [ ] Read every attachment and amendment on the official solicitation
- [ ] Confirm the response deadline and time zone
  Not stated
- [ ] Check you meet the set-aside / eligibility requirement
  Small Business Set Aside - Total
- [ ] Check the SBA size standard for NAICS 541720
  Small-business set-asides use the size standard of the primary NAICS code
- [ ] 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 ($250K–$1M)?
- [ ] 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 **NGA - Boosting Innovative GEOINT - Science & Technology Broad Agency Announcement (BIG-ST...**
  National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) · Due Dec 21
- A | 81 **Multi-Domain Force Applications and Traffic Management for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (M-FAT)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 81 **Adaptive Fusion, & Reasoning of Multi-Source Data (Afar)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 81 **Automated Processes for Knowledge Discovery and Information Retrieval**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 81 **Signals Intelligence (Sigint) Solutions for Evolving Scenarios (Sess)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date

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- C | 51 **Department of Education Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase IA 2026: Pre-Soli...**
  Department of Education · No due date
- C | 51 **Department of Education Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Direct to Phase II 2026...**
  Department of Education · No due date
- C | 50 **Author Speaker Series**
  Department of Education · Closed
- C | 54 **Vendor Meeting - NCEE FY19 Procurements**
  Department of Education · Closed

Data and as-of times

Notice data	Official federal notice, first seen Nov 13, 2026, updated Apr 14, 2026
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