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Intent: Direct Negotiated Sale of Surplus Federal Vessel EX-Vadm K.R. Wheeler (T-AG-5001) for Operational Commercial RE-Use

Department of Transportation › Maritime Administration › 693JF7 DOT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Solicitation `MA-14564`

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

F
30

Medium data confidence

Not competed · 30 / 100

Not competed (F, 30/100): not openly competed. Notice signals a sole-source or brand-name intent.

−5.8 Competition & access | +3.0 Clarity & completeness | +2.3 Issuer & market | +2.2 Freshness

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

At a glance

VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
Not stated No value published	None Full and open competition	Not stated	Not stated
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Beaumont, Texas	Nov 16, 2026	Dec 7, 2026, 12:00 PM EST 10 days left	Official federal notice Updated Nov 16, 2026

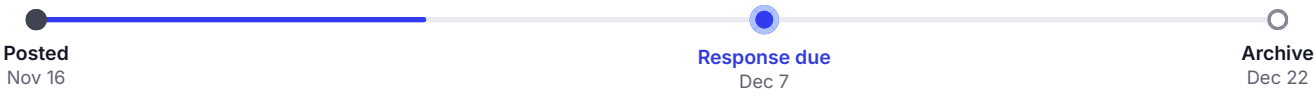
Our summary

Maritime Administration (693JF7 DOT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION), part of the Department of Transportation, posted a special notice titled “Intent: Direct Negotiated Sale of Surplus Federal Vessel EX-Vadm K.R. Wheeler (T-AG-5001) for Operational Commercial RE-Use” under solicitation number MA-14564. It was posted on Nov 16, 2026. Responses are due Dec 7, 2026, 12:00 PM EST. No set-aside is listed. The place of performance is Beaumont, Texas. The listed point of contact is nathaniel Williford.

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	UNKNOWN		0.0	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 0%
No value published, and there isn't enough award history to estimate one. Scored as neutral.				
Competition & access	ESTIMATED		−5.8	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 60%
Notice signals a sole-source or brand-name intent.				
Issuer & market	ESTIMATED		+2.3	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 25%
18 other RFPs from Maritime Administration on RFP Detector in the past 12 months; no award history found.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		+1.4	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
Special notice: 10 days to respond (due Dec 7, 2026, 12:00 PM EST).				
Clarity & completeness	ESTIMATED		+3.0	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 75%
Documents not listed, named contact with email and phone, 729-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		+2.2	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Posted 10 days ago.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **53.1** · capped at 30: not openly competed

Score **30** **(F)**

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 27, 2026, 3:19 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 (53/100) is how much of the score rests on measured data.

Full methodology: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

03 Market intelligence

No federal award history found for this agency and NAICS code.

RFPS FROM THIS ISSUER	SIMILAR RFPS IN TEXAS	MEDIAN PUBLISHED VALUE
18	—	—
Other RFPs, past 12 months	No category assigned yet	Shown once 10+ similar RFPs publish a value

No award history found for this agency and NAICS

Federal award records show fewer than 20 contract awards for this NAICS code at the agency and at all agencies combined, or the notice has no NAICS code. The Value and Issuer & market factors are scored as unknown or from issuer activity only, so they have little or no effect on the score.

How this market feeds the score

Value	Competition & access	Issuer & market
0.0	−5.8	+2.3
Value not published	Sole source	Active issuer (18 RFPs)

Based on RFP Detector records: public RFPs first seen in the past 12 months, as of Nov 27, 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
Not stated

Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE
Beaumont, Texas

HOW TO SUBMIT
As instructed in the official solicitation

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

Contacts

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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
  Dec 7, 2026, 12:00 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 in Beaumont, Texas?
- [ ] Does the likely contract size fit your capacity?
- [ ] 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

No similar open RFPs right now.

More from 693JF7 DOT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

- C | 60 **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) for a Vessel Construction Manager (VCM)**
  Maritime Administration · Due Dec 8
- F | 30 **Intent to Award a Sole-Source Contract for Four-Vessel U.S. East Coast Ready Reserve Forc...**
  Maritime Administration · Due Dec 9
- B | 69 **MARAD Small Business, Shipyard & VCM Market Research Agenda**
  Maritime Administration · Due Dec 14
- C | 52 **A Study on Vessel Design Challenge**
  Maritime Administration · Due Jan 10

Data and as-of times

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