SPECIAL NOTICE | CLOSED | FEDERAL

Intent to Sole Source: NOAA- Satellite Ocean Color System Vicarious Calibration - Marine Optical BuoY (MOBY) Operations and Maintenance

Department of Commerce › National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Solicitation `Requirements-26-5023`

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

Medium data confidence

Score at publication: 30 (F)

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

F
30

Not competed (F, 30/100): not openly competed. Notice signals a sole-source or brand-name intent. The largest recipient took 8% of these dollars in FY24–FY26, and spending is spread across many vendors.

+9.0 Freshness | −5.3 Competition & access | +3.5 Issuer & market | −2.6 Clarity & completeness

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

At a glance

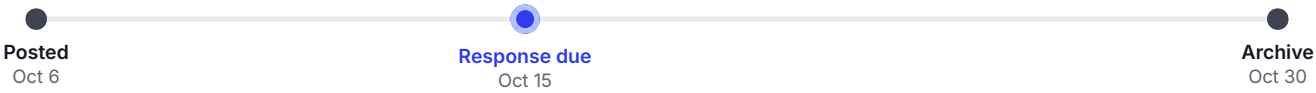
ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$500K Estimated: median award, FY24–FY26	None Full and open competition	541715 Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	R425 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Honolulu, Hawaii	Oct 6, 2026	Oct 15, 2026, 2:00 PM EDT Closed	Official federal notice Updated Oct 6, 2026

Our summary

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, part of the Department of Commerce, posted a special notice titled “Intent to Sole Source: NOAA- Satellite Ocean Color System Vicarious Calibration – Marine Optical BuoY (MOBY) Operations and Maintenance” under solicitation number Requirements-26-5023. It was posted on Oct 6, 2026. The response deadline was Oct 15, 2026, 2:00 PM EDT. It is classified under NAICS 541715 and product/service code R425. No set-aside is listed. The...

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		0.0	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 50%
No value published. Typical award is about $500K: the median of 18,238 federal contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 541715, FY24–FY26.				
Competition & access	ESTIMATED		−5.3	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 78%
Notice signals a sole-source or brand-name intent. The largest recipient took 8% of these dollars in FY24–FY26, and spending is spread across many vendors.				
Issuer & market	ESTIMATED		+3.5	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 45%
Across all agencies, NAICS 541715 saw 21,708 contracts worth $138B in FY24–FY26. No agency-specific history found. 2 other notices from this office in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		+0.3	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
Special notice: 9 days to respond (due Oct 15, 2026, 2:00 PM EDT).				
Clarity & completeness	ESTIMATED		−2.6	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 65%
0 documents, 2 named contacts 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 **54.9** · capped at 30: not openly competed

Score at publication **30** **(F)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days

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

Evaluated Oct 6, 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 (69/100) is how much of the score rests on measured data.

Full methodology: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

03 Market intelligence

Federal contract awards for all agencies, NAICS 541715 (no agency-specific history found). Award counts and sizes cover new awards in FY24–FY26; dollars are obligations in the same window.

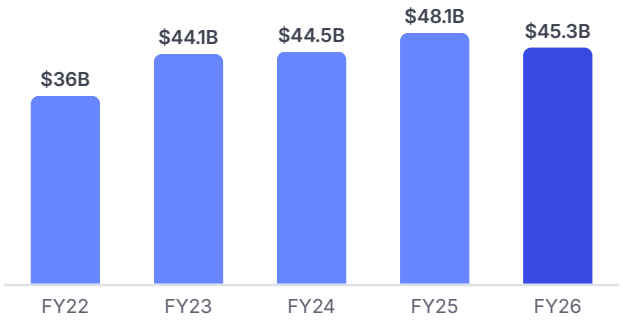
CONTRACTS AWARDED
21,708
New awards, FY24–FY26

TOTAL OBLIGATED
$138B
Obligated FY24–FY26

MEDIAN AWARD OVER $25K
$500K
18,238 awards above $25K

Obligations by fiscal year

all agencies, NAICS 541715



Award size

All agencies 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	Fluor Marine Propulsion, LLC	$11.3B	8%
2	California Institute Of Technology	$6.6B	5%
3	The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory LLC	$5.5B	4%
4	Lockheed Martin Corporation	$4B	3%
5	The Aerospace Corporation	$3.9B	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**
0.0	−5.3	+3.5
Typical award ~$500K	Sole source	Active market ($138B FY24–FY26)

Federal award history: contract award types A–D, FY24–FY26, updated Nov 13, 2026. No agency-specific bucket had at least 20 awards, so all agencies are shown.

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

R425

Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Honolulu, Hawaii

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.

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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 | 91 **Request for Proposal (RFP) - Resilient Missile Warning Tracking (RMWT) Low Earth Orbit (L...**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Dec 18
- A | 84 **Multi-Domain Force Applications and Traffic Management for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (M-FAT)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 84 **Air Combat Command Headquarters (Acc HQ) Acquisition Management Integration Center (Amic)...**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Mar 31
- A | 84 **Automated Processes for Knowledge Discovery and Information Retrieval**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 84 **Adaptive Fusion, & Reasoning of Multi-Source Data (Afar)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date

More from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- D | 46 **RFI HALE/HAPS UAS for NOAA OMAO**
  National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration · Due Dec 10
- C | 59 **Preparation and Packaging of Archival Aerial Film Rolls for Shipment**
  National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration · Closed

Data and as-of times

Notice data	Official federal notice, first seen Nov 13, 2026, updated Oct 6, 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 Oct 6, 2026, 1:00 PM EDT (score at publication, frozen)
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Official notice	Open the official solicitation at rfpdetector.com (free account)

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