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Next Generation Hypersonic Cruise Missile Industry Day

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

Solicitation `DARPA-SN-26-120`

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

Score at publication: 69 (B)

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

Strong (B, 69/100): posted today, typical award ~$1.8M; but limited documentation.

+9.0 Freshness | +6.2 Value | +6.1 Issuer & market | −4.0 Clarity & completeness

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	Sep 2, 2026 Updated Nov 13, 2026	Sep 16, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT Closed	Official federal notice Updated Nov 13, 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 “Next Generation Hypersonic Cruise Missile Industry Day” under solicitation number DARPA-SN-26-120. It was first posted on Sep 2, 2026 and has been updated once since. The response deadline was Sep 16, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT. 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. 2 documents…

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline

- **Posted** Sep 2
- **Response due** Sep 16
- **Archive** Dec 31

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. 53 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: 14 days to respond (due Sep 16, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT).				
Clarity & completeness	MEASURED		−4.0	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 100%
2 documents, named contact with email, 76-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		+9.0	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Posted today.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **69.0**

Score at publication **69** **(B)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days

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

Evaluated Sep 2, 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 (96/100) is how much of the score rests on measured data.

Full methodology: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

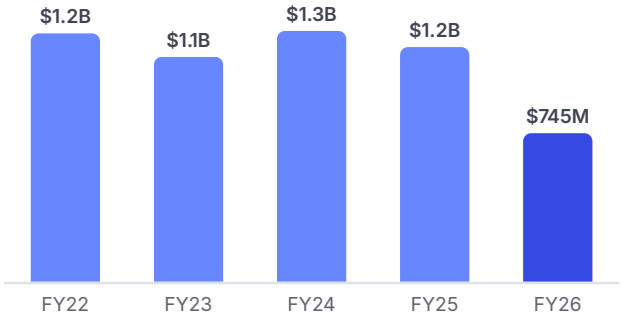
03 Market intelligence

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

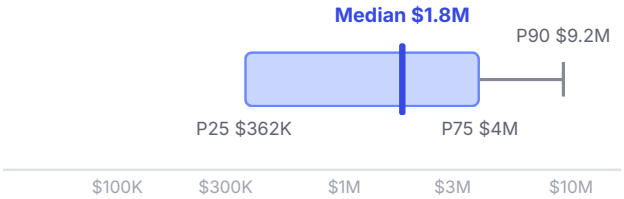
Obligations by fiscal year

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.

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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)

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Documents

2 listed

- DARPA-SN-26-120.pdf
- DARPA-SN-26-120_Industry Day Question and Answers_FINAL_10-08-2026.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 | 88 **NGA - Boosting Innovative GEOINT - Science & Technology Broad Agency Announcement (BIG-ST...**
  National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) · Due Dec 21
- A | 83 **Multi-Domain Force Applications and Traffic Management for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (M-FAT)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 83 **Automated Processes for Knowledge Discovery and Information Retrieval**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 83 **Adaptive Fusion, & Reasoning of Multi-Source Data (Afar)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 83 **Ultra-Broadband Terahertz Radio Development**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date

More from Def Advanced Research Projects Agcy

- D | 48 **Solid-State Energy Conversion from Heat to Electricity Request for Information (RFI)**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 23
- D | 42 **ERIS Shopping Notice: High Duty Cycle High Energy Lasers (HEL) for SWaP-Constrained Systems**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 30
- C | 53 **Quantum Benchmarking Initiative Topic (QBIT) Stage A**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 30
- C | 50 **Firefox**
  Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) · Due Nov 30

Data and as-of times

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