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Request for Information (RFI) for a Cislunar Space System (CSS)

Department of Defense › Department of the Air Force

Solicitation 10302026-01

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

Strong · 70 / 100

B

70

Strong (B, 70/100): active buyer ($36.7B FY24–FY26), full and open; but only 4 days left.

+12.6 Issuer & market | −6.2 Time & stage | +4.8 Competition & access | +3.6 Value

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

At a glance

ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$1.1M 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)	1555 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Alexandria, Virginia	Nov 2, 2026 Updated Nov 13, 2026	Nov 24, 2026, 12:00 PM EST 4 days left	Official federal notice Updated Nov 13, 2026

Our summary

Department of the Air Force, part of the Department of Defense, posted a request for information titled “Request for Information (RFI) for a Cislunar Space System (CSS)” under solicitation number 10302026-01. It was first posted on Nov 2, 2026 and has been updated 2 times since. Responses are due Nov 24, 2026, 12:00 PM EST. It is classified under NAICS 541715 (Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)) and product/service code 1555. No set-aside is listed. The place of performance is Alexandria, Virginia. 3 documents are attached to the official notice. The listed point of contact is Shelby C. Sommer.

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline

Blue line: today (Nov 20)



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.

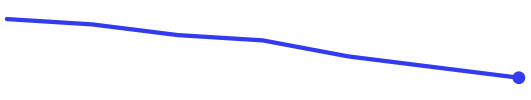
Factor		◀ lowers the score / raises the score ▶	Points	Range
Value	ESTIMATED		+3.6	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 80%
No value published. Typical award is about $1.1M: the median of 4,873 Air Force contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 541715, FY24–FY26.				
Competition & access	MEASURED		+4.8	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 100%
Full and open competition. The largest recipient took 9% of these dollars in FY24–FY26, and spending is spread across many vendors.				
Issuer & market	MEASURED		+12.6	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 100%
Air Force obligated $36.7B on NAICS 541715 across 5,004 contracts in FY24–FY26. 55 other notices from this office in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		−6.2	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
Special notice: 4 days to respond (due Nov 24, 2026, 12:00 PM EST). Tight.				
Clarity & completeness	MEASURED		+2.9	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 100%
3 documents, 2 named contacts with email, 294-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		+2.0	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Updated 6 days ago (new documents).				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **69.7**

Score **70** **(B)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days



Nov 13: 81 — Nov 20: 70

Evaluated Nov 20, 2026, 3:25 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 (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 Department of the Air Force, NAICS 541715. Award counts and sizes cover new awards in FY24–FY26; dollars are obligations in the same window.

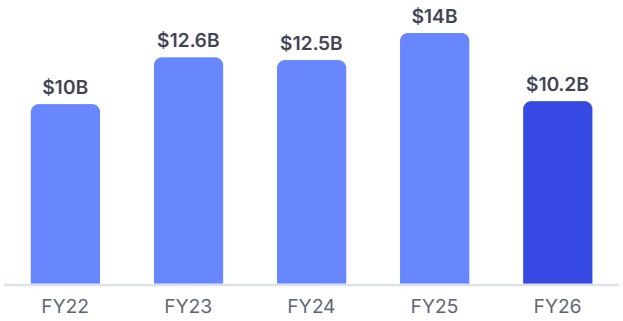
CONTRACTS AWARDED
5,004
New awards, FY24–FY26

TOTAL OBLIGATED
$36.7B
Obligated FY24–FY26

MEDIAN AWARD OVER $25K
$1.1M
4,873 awards above $25K

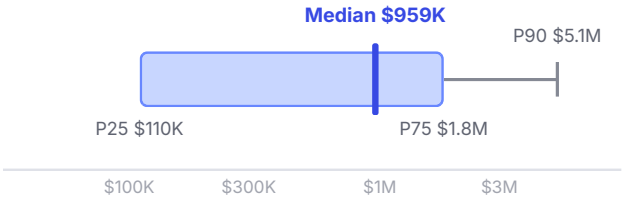
Obligations by fiscal year

Department of the Air Force, NAICS 541715



Award size

Air Force 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	The Aerospace Corporation	$3.3B	9%
2	Booz Allen Hamilton Inc	$2.1B	6%
3	Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation	$1.9B	5%
4	Kbr Wyle Services, LLC	$1.8B	5%
5	Lockheed Martin Corp	$1.7B	5%

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 +3.6
Typical award ~$1.1M

Competition & access +4.8
Full and open

Issuer & market +12.6
Active buyer ($36.7B 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

1555

Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Alexandria, Virginia

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

3 listed

- (U) CSS RFI_2026_10_30 Final.pdf
- (U) CSS RFI_2026_11_03_Final v2.pdf
- Atch 1 to CSS RFI_Summary Response Template.xlsx

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

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
  3 documents listed below
- [ ] Confirm the response deadline and time zone
  Nov 24, 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 Alexandria, Virginia?
- [ ] Does your pricing fit the typical award range ($110K–$1.8M)?
- [ ] 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 | 84 **Air Combat Command Headquarters (Acc HQ) Acquisition Management Integration Center (Amic)...**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Mar 31
- B | 69 **NSF X-Labs Initiative – AI for Physical Systems Topic Announcement**
  National Science Foundation · Due Jan 7
- B | 68 **SDA Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture (PWSA) - Systems, Technologies, and Emergi...**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Mar 3
- B | 66 **ManTech special Broad Agency Announcement (sBAA): Accelerating Maritime Modernization: In...**
  Department of the Navy · Due Jul 16
- B | 65 **Systems Engineering Technical Assistance Support Services**
  Department of the Army · Due Nov 27

More from Department of the Air Force

- F | 30 **HII Sole Source Notification**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Nov 20
- F | 15 **Intent to Award to Sole Source: Lackland AFB Modernization**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Nov 20
- B | 65 **Request for Information - Extended Range Attack Munition**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Nov 23
- C | 61 **Request for Information: Extended Range Attack Munition Glide**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Dec 2

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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