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Sources Sought - Alaskan Vendors for Type 3 Multiple Award Task Order Contract for Helicopter Support Services

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Solicitation `1202SA-2026-IPAB-001`

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

Score at publication: 63 (C)

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

C
63

Fair (C, 63/100): posted today, 17 days to respond; but small typical award (~$144K).

+9.0 Freshness | −6.0 Value | +5.4 Time & stage | +3.5 Competition & access

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

At a glance

ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$144K Estimated: median award, FY24–FY26	None Full and open competition	481211 Nonscheduled Chartered Passenger Air Transportation	F003 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Alaska	Oct 30, 2026	Nov 16, 2026, 12:00 PM AKST Closed	Official federal notice Updated Oct 30, 2026

Our summary

Forest Service (Incident Procurement Aviation Branch), part of the Department of Agriculture, posted a sources sought notice titled “Sources Sought - Alaskan Vendors for Type 3 Multiple Award Task Order Contract for Helicopter Support Services” under solicitation number 1202SA-2026-IPAB-001. It was posted on Oct 30, 2026. The response deadline was Nov 16, 2026, 12:00 PM AKST. It is classified under NAICS 481211 (Nonscheduled Chartered Passenger Air Transportation) and product/service...

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline

Blue line: today (Nov 17)



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.

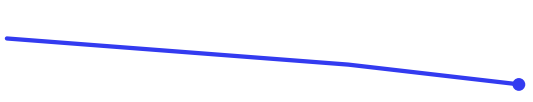
Factor		◀ lowers the score / raises the score ▶	Points	Range
Value	ESTIMATED		−6.0	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 80%
No value published. Typical award is about $144K: the median of 967 Forest Service contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 481211, FY24–FY26.				
Competition & access	MEASURED		+3.5	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 100%
Full and open competition. The largest recipient took 10% of these dollars in FY24–FY26, and spending is spread across many vendors.				
Issuer & market	MEASURED		+0.6	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 100%
Forest Service obligated $471M on NAICS 481211 across 1,140 contracts in FY24–FY26. 2 other notices from this office in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		+5.4	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
Sources sought (market research, not a bid): 17 days to respond (due Nov 16, 2026, 12:00 PM AKST).				
Clarity & completeness	ESTIMATED		+0.8	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 75%
Documents not listed, named contact with email, 293-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		+9.0	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Posted today.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **63.3**

Score at publication **63** **(C)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days



Nov 13: 41 Nov 16: 34

Evaluated Oct 30, 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 (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 Forest Service, NAICS 481211. Award counts and sizes cover new awards in FY24–FY26; dollars are obligations in the same window.

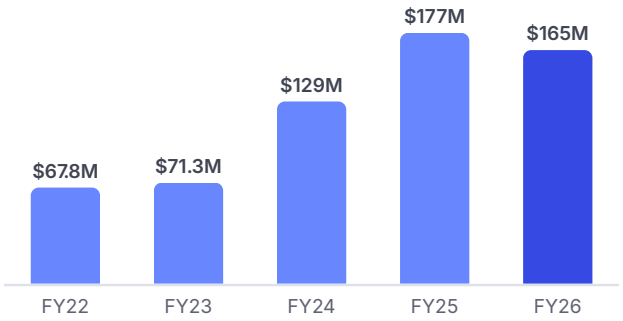
CONTRACTS AWARDED
1,140
New awards, FY24–FY26

TOTAL OBLIGATED
$471M
Obligated FY24–FY26

MEDIAN AWARD OVER $25K
$144K
967 awards above $25K

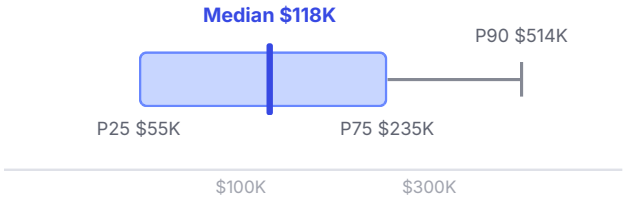
Obligations by fiscal year

Forest Service, NAICS 481211



Award size

Forest Service NAICS 481211 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	Helicopter Express LLC	$49.1M	10%
2	Bighorn Airways Inc	$41M	9%
3	Spur Aviation Services, Lc	$36.1M	8%
4	C.c. Calzone, LLC	$31.6M	7%
5	Ponderosa Aviation Inc	$29.8M	6%

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 −6.0
Small typical award (~$144K)

Competition & access +3.5
Full and open

Issuer & market +0.6
Active buyer ($471M 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

Full and open competition: any responsible business may respond.

NAICS

481211 Nonscheduled Chartered Passenger Air Transportation

PRODUCT / SERVICE CODE

F003

Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Alaska

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

- C | 54 **Market Survey for Helicopter Services for the FAA between Juneau and other Sites in Alaska**
  Federal Aviation Administration · Due Nov 30
- B | 74 **Augusta 5 Year Wheelchair Service IDIQ**
  Department of Veterans Affairs · Due Dec 1
- B | 73 **Nawcad HX-21 CH-53K Organizational Level Contractor Maintenance Support (Cms)**
  Department of the Navy · Due Nov 25
- B | 72 **MH-60R/S Planned Maintenance Interval (PMI) in Rota, Spain**
  Department of the Navy · Due Dec 14
- B | 71 **Request for Information (RFI) – Market Research for Ocean Transportation of Hazardous Was...**
  Defense Logistics Agency · Due Nov 25

More from Incident Procurement Aviation Branch

- D | 35 **USFS Wildland Fire Aviation Helicopter Support Services for Hoist and Medical Services**
  Forest Service · Due Nov 21
- B | 68 **Amphibious Water Scooper Aircraft Services**
  Forest Service · Closed

Data and as-of times

Notice data	Official federal notice, first seen Nov 13, 2026, updated Oct 30, 2026
Market data	Federal award history, contract award types A–D, FY24–FY26, updated Nov 15, 2026
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Official notice	Open the official solicitation at rfpdetector.com (free account)

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