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# Sources Sought Special Notice 2026

National Aeronautics and Space Administration › NASA Ames Research Center

Solicitation 80ARC026AOSS

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50

RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

## Fair · 50 / 100

Fair (C, 50/100): active buyer ($17.6B FY24–FY26), 40 days to respond; but posted 318 days ago.

−8.1 Freshness | +6.5 Issuer & market | +5.4 Time & stage | +5.0 Clarity & completeness

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

## At a glance

| ESTIMATED VALUE | SET-ASIDE | NAICS | PSC |
|---|---|---|---|
| ~$225K<br>Estimated: median award, FY24–FY26 | None<br>Full and open competition | 541715<br>Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology) | AR12<br>Product / service code |
| **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE** | **POSTED** | **RESPONSE DUE** | **LISTING** |
| Moffett Field, California | Jan 7, 2026 | Dec 31, 2026, 11:59 PM PST<br>40 days left | Official federal notice<br>Updated Jan 7, 2026 |

## Our summary

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA Ames Research Center) posted a sources sought notice titled “Sources Sought Special Notice 2026” under solicitation number 80ARC026AOSS. It was posted on Jan 7, 2026. Responses are due Dec 31, 2026, 11:59 PM PST. It is classified under NAICS 541715 (Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)) and product/service code AR12. No set-aside is listed. The place of performance is Moffett Field, California. The listed point of contact is New Opportunities Center - NASA ARC.

Summary by RFP Detector.

## Timeline

- **Posted** — Jan 7
- **Response due** — Dec 31
- **Archive** — Jan 1

## 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 | | −3.8 | −18.0 / +18.0<br>w 20 · conf 80% |
| No value published. Typical award is about $225K: the median of 2,174 NASA contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 541715, FY24–FY26. | | | | |
| **Competition & access** | MEASURED | | −4.5 | −18.0 / +18.0<br>w 20 · conf 100% |
| Full and open competition. The largest recipient took 38% of these dollars in FY24–FY26. | | | | |
| **Issuer & market** | MEASURED | | +6.5 | −23.4 / +12.6<br>w 20 · conf 100% |
| NASA obligated $17.6B on NAICS 541715 across 2,268 contracts in FY24–FY26. 2 other notices from this office in the past 12 months. | | | | |
| **Time & stage** | MEASURED | | +5.4 | −14.9 / +12.2<br>w 15 · conf 100% |
| Sources sought (market research, not a bid): 40 days to respond (due Dec 31, 2026, 11:59 PM PST). | | | | |
| **Clarity & completeness** | ESTIMATED | | +5.0 | −18.9 / +8.1<br>w 15 · conf 75% |
| Documents not listed, 2 named contacts with email, 1,934-word description. | | | | |
| **Freshness** | MEASURED | | −8.1 | −9.0 / +9.0<br>w 10 · conf 100% |
| Posted 318 days ago. | | | | |

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **50.5**

Score **50** (C)

### Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days



Nov 13: 48 — Nov 14: 50

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### 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 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NAICS 541715. Award counts and sizes cover new awards in FY24–FY26; dollars are obligations in the same window.

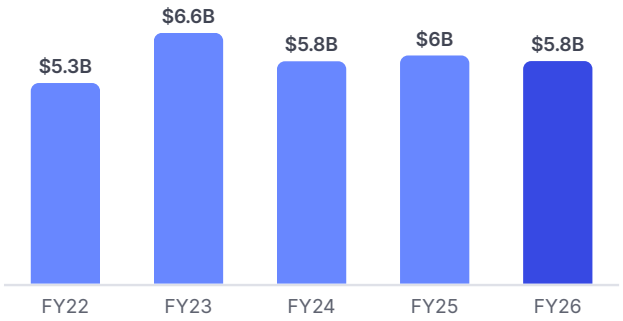
**CONTRACTS AWARDED**
**2,268**
New awards, FY24–FY26

**TOTAL OBLIGATED**
**$17.6B**
Obligated FY24–FY26

**MEDIAN AWARD OVER $25K**
**$225K**
2,174 awards above $25K

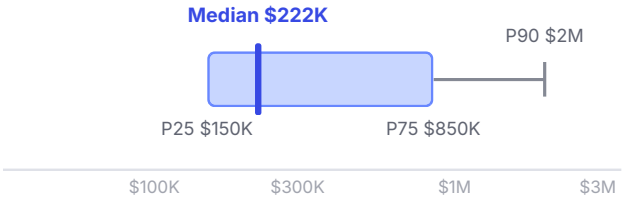
## Obligations by fiscal year

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NAICS 541715




## Award size

NASA 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 | California Institute Of Technology | $6.6B | 38% |
| 2 | The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory LLC | $1.3B | 7% |
| 3 | Blue Origin Washington, LLC | $1.3B | 7% |
| 4 | Space Exploration Technologies Corp. | $1.1B | 6% |
| 5 | Amentum Technology, Inc. | $710M | 4% |

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** −3.8
Small typical award (~$225K)

**Competition & access** −4.5
Full and open

**Issuer & market** +6.5
Active buyer ($17.6B 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

AR12

## Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Moffett Field, California

HOW TO SUBMIT

As instructed in the official solicitation

OFFICIAL SOLICITATION

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

## Contacts

**New Opportunities Center - NASA ARC** · primary
arc-sources-sought@mail.nasa.gov

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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 31, 2026, 11:59 PM PST
- [ ] 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 Moffett Field, California?
- [ ] Does your pricing fit the typical award range ($150K–$850K)?
- [ ] 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

- B | 79 **Project Engineering, Manufacturing, and Science Services (PEMSS)**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration · Due Dec 11
- B | 69 **Over the Horizon Naval Strike Missile Navigation Adapter**
  Department of the Navy · Due Dec 16
- B | 68 **Space-to-Space (S2S) Communication Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Sep 14
- B | 68 **SYSTEM DELTA 84 (SYD 84/MT) MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT MISSILE WARNING / MISSILE TRACKING EPOCH 3...**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Dec 1
- B | 67 **AFRL Rocket Lab Hermes BAA**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Mar 18

## More from NASA Ames Research Center

- B | 79 **Project Engineering, Manufacturing, and Science Services (PEMSS)**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration · Due Dec 11
- B | 65 **Commercial Aviation Services - Airborne Science Support IDIQ, Snow4Flow EVS-4 Mission**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration · Closed

## Data and as-of times

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|---|---|
| **Notice data** | Official federal notice, first seen Nov 13, 2026, updated Jan 7, 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 Nov 22, 2026, 3:25 AM EST |
| **Report** | ID 63151109239685668391 · generated Nov 22, 2026, 4:07 AM EST |
| **Official notice** | Open the official solicitation at rfpdetector.com (free account) |

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