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Space Power and Reactor Capabilities (SPARC) - Sources Sought Notice

National Aeronautics and Space Administration › NASA Glenn Research Center

Solicitation 80GRC026SPARC

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

Score at publication: 47 (D)

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

Limited (D, 47/100): posted today, active buyer ($17.6B FY24–FY26); but closed.

−14.9 Time & stage | +9.0 Freshness | +8.9 Issuer & market | −4.5 Competition & access

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

At a glance

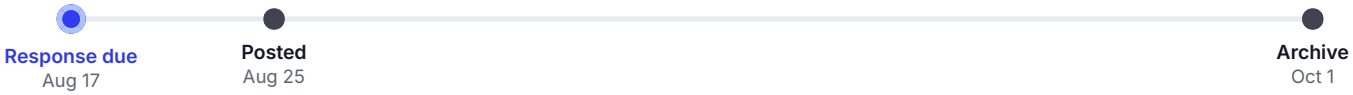
ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$225K Estimated: median award, FY24–FY26	None Full and open competition	541715 Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	AR15 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Not stated	Aug 25, 2026	Aug 17, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT Closed	Official federal notice Updated Aug 25, 2026

Our summary

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA Glenn Research Center) posted a sources sought notice titled “Space Power and Reactor Capabilities (SPARC) - Sources Sought Notice” under solicitation number 80GRC026SPARC. It was posted on Aug 25, 2026. The response deadline was Aug 17, 2026, 5:00 PM EDT. It is classified under NAICS 541715 and product/service code AR15. No set-aside is listed. 4 documents are attached to the notice. The listed point of contact is Noah Garrison.

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		−3.8	−18.0 / +18.0 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 w 20 · conf 100%
Full and open competition. The largest recipient took 38% of these dollars in FY24–FY26.				
Issuer & market	MEASURED		+8.9	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 100%
NASA obligated $17.6B on NAICS 541715 across 2,268 contracts in FY24–FY26. 8 other notices from this office in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		−14.9	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 100%
Closed on Aug 17, 2026.				
Clarity & completeness	ESTIMATED		+2.6	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 65%
4 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 **47.3**

Score at publication **47** **(D)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days

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

Evaluated Aug 25, 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 (91/100) is how much of the score rests on measured data.

Full methodology: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

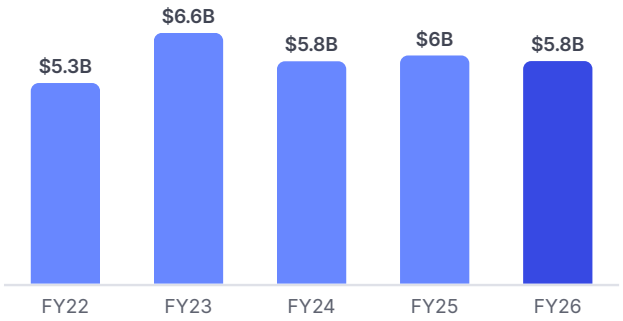
03 Market intelligence

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	TOTAL OBLIGATED	MEDIAN AWARD OVER $25K
2,268	**$17.6B**	**$225K**
New awards, FY24–FY26	Obligated FY24–FY26	2,174 awards above $25K

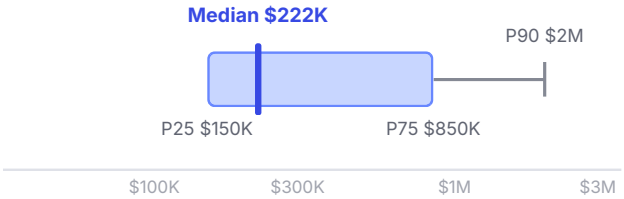
Obligations by fiscal year

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	Competition & access	Issuer & market
−3.8	−4.5	+8.9
Small typical award (~$225K)	Full and open	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

AR15

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

4 listed

- SPARC Listing of Respondents_8-25-26.pdf
- LR1 P1 TO SOW_Draft Rev 5_8.3.2026.pdf
- SPARC SOW_Draft Rev 1_8.3.2026.pdf
- LR1 P1 TO CDRL_ Draft_8.3.2026.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 | 84 **Multi-Domain Force Applications and Traffic Management for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (M-FAT)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- 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
- A | 84 **Extreme Computing**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date
- A | 84 **Signals Intelligence (Sigint) Solutions for Evolving Scenarios (Sess)**
  Department of the Air Force · No due date

More from NASA Glenn Research Center

- F | 28 **Intent to Sole Source - High Temperature Furnace and Grips**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration · Due Nov 22
- F | 30 **Notification of Intent to Sole Source - Flight Research Facility (Hangar) at NASA's Glenn...**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration · Due Nov 29
- B | 72 **Space Power and Reactor Capabilities (SPARC) - Draft Request for Proposals (DRFP)**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration · Closed
- B | 74 **Lunar Enabling Infrastructure Accelerator (LEIA) -Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) NextSTE...**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration · Closed

Data and as-of times

Notice data	Official federal notice, first seen Nov 13, 2026, updated Aug 25, 2026
Market data	Federal award history, contract award types A–D, FY24–FY26, updated Nov 13, 2026
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