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Timed Emitters Transmitting Highly Energized Radiation (TETHER)

Department of Defense › Department of the Navy › Naval Research Laboratory

Solicitation `N00173-27-RFI-EN01`

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RFP DETECTOR SCORE

High data confidence

Score at publication: 81 (A)

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

A
81

Excellent (A, 81/100): active buyer ($22B FY24–FY26), posted today.

+12.1 Issuer & market | +9.0 Freshness | +5.8 Clarity & completeness | +5.4 Time & stage

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

At a glance

ESTIMATED VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
~$635K 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)	AR13 Product / service code
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
Washington, District of Columbia	Oct 23, 2026 Updated Nov 13, 2026	Nov 9, 2026, 4:00 PM EST Closed	Official federal notice Updated Nov 13, 2026

Our summary

Department of the Navy (Naval Research Laboratory), part of the Department of Defense, posted a sources sought notice titled “Timed Emitters Transmitting Highly Energized Radiation (TETHER)” under solicitation number N00173-27-RFI-EN01. It was posted on Oct 23, 2026. The response deadline was Nov 9, 2026, 4:00 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 AR13. No set-aside is listed. The place of performance is Washington, District of Columbia. 3 documents are attached to the official notice. The listed point of contact is Erica N Turner.

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline

Blue line: today (Nov 21)



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		+1.2	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 80%
No value published. Typical award is about $635K: the median of 3,498 Navy contracts over $25K awarded in NAICS 541715, FY24–FY26.				
Competition & access	MEASURED		−2.0	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 100%
Full and open competition. The largest recipient took 26% of these dollars in FY24–FY26.				
Issuer & market	MEASURED		+12.1	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 100%
Navy obligated $22B on NAICS 541715 across 3,633 contracts in FY24–FY26. 30 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 9, 2026, 4:00 PM EST).				
Clarity & completeness	MEASURED		+5.8	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 100%
3 documents, 2 named contacts with email and phone, 532-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		+9.0	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Posted today.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **81.5**

Score at publication **81** **(A)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days

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

Evaluated Oct 23, 2026, 1:45 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 Department of the Navy, NAICS 541715. Award counts and sizes cover new awards in FY24–FY26; dollars are obligations in the same window.

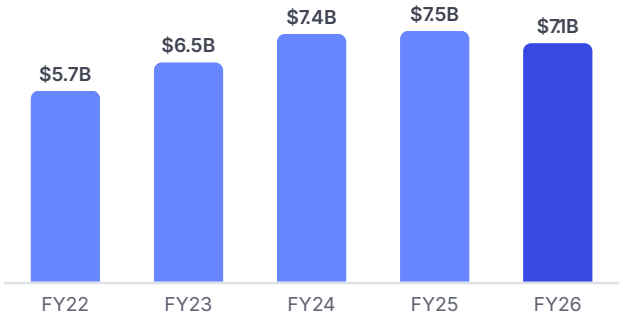
CONTRACTS AWARDED
3,633
New awards, FY24–FY26

TOTAL OBLIGATED
$22B
Obligated FY24–FY26

MEDIAN AWARD OVER $25K
$635K
3,498 awards above $25K

Obligations by fiscal year

Department of the Navy, NAICS 541715



Award size

Navy 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	Fluor Marine Propulsion, LLC	$5.8B	26%
2	Lockheed Martin Corp	$3.2B	15%
3	The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory LLC	$2.2B	10%
4	Lockheed Martin Corporation	$1.3B	6%
5	The Pennsylvania State University	$1.1B	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 +1.2
Typical award ~$635K

Competition & access −2.0
Full and open

Issuer & market +12.1
Active buyer ($22B 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

AR13

Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Washington, District of Columbia

HOW TO SUBMIT

As instructed in the official solicitation

OFFICIAL SOLICITATION

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Documents

3 listed

- TETHER CDRL A001 - A005 10.23.2026.pdf
- TETHER - SOW 10.23.2026.pdf
- TETHER - PQs 10.23.2026.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 | 91 **Request for Proposal (RFP) - Resilient Missile Warning Tracking (RMWT) Low Earth Orbit (L...**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Dec 18
- B | 79 **Advanced Processing and Algorithm Development (APAD)**
  Department of the Navy · Due Dec 3
- B | 79 **NRL Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Basic and Applied Research**
  Department of the Navy · Due Dec 30
- B | 67 **Dhs Small Business Innovation Research (Sbir) Program FY27 Pre-Solicitation**
  Office of Procurement Operations · Due Dec 7
- B | 65 **Brain Repair of Any Injured Neural Structure (BRAINS)**
  National Institutes of Health · Due Jun 26

More from Naval Research Laboratory

- D | 40 **Single Board Computer and Comptroller**
  Department of the Navy · Due Nov 22
- D | 44 **N0017327Q5309 High Speed Camera WITH SOFTWARE LICENSE**
  Department of the Navy · Due Nov 22
- D | 45 **MATLAB Software Maintenance and License Support**
  Department of the Navy · Due Nov 24
- C | 57 **NRL VXS-1 Aircraft Maintenance IDIQ**
  Department of the Navy · Due Nov 24

Data and as-of times

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