National Aeronautics and Space Administration

John H. Glenn Research Center
Cleveland, OH 44135-3191

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Reply to Attn of: NASA Glenn Research Center/Office of Procurement, P

TO: All Potential Offerors

SUBJECT: NASA Research Announcement (NRA), Solicitation No. *80GRC026R0002, for Development Plan for Open Fan Flight Demonstration.*

You are invited to submit a proposal in response to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Glenn Research Center's (GRC) Center-Level NRA entitled, "Development Plan for Open Fan Flight Demonstration." The principal purpose of this requirement is to solicit a development plan to help inform the NASA Technical Work portfolio that will enable next generation aircraft and further subsonic vehicle propulsion systems. The Development Plan should define the requirements, scope, and feasibility of an open-fan flight demonstration. This plan will address technical, operational, and certification considerations, including aerodynamic integration, structural impacts, noise and emissions performance, and propulsion system reliability.

NASA will conduct this acquisition as a full and open competition. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 541715 and the small business size standard is 1,500.

This competitive acquisition will result in a hybrid Firm-Fixed Price (FFP) Cost-Plus-Fixed Fee (CPFF) contract.

The anticipated contract award date is November 2026 with an immediate contract effective date. The contract will be performed offsite at the Contractor's facilities.

Potential offerors should pay close attention to all solicitation instructions; however, the following requirements list is summarized to assist in proposal development. Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and the solicitation terms and conditions and provisions take precedence:

1. Disclosure of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use During Contract Performance. Offerors are required to disclose any intent to propose, or plan to use, Artificial Intelligence (AI) to perform contract requirements.
2. Offerors are required to have a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code that matches the corporate address submitted with its proposal.
3. Offerors are encouraged to closely review Provision 10.1 "Electronic Submission of Proposals – Proposal Marking and Delivery through NASA's EFSS Box". All proposals and attachments must be submitted through NASA Box in response to this solicitation.

4. Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Overhaul: The Government updated many FAR and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) clauses and provisions in response to the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul.
5. After proposals receipt, an oral presentation is anticipated to be held in late August.

In order to control and protect sensitive data owned by the Government and its Contractors, NASA policy required all acquisition-related documents be released in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). While the RFP's Cost Volume exhibits are in PDF format, the Offeror's Cost Volume proposal must include completed Cost Volume exhibits in Microsoft Office Excel format with working cell formulas.

Documents related to this acquisition, including this letter, the solicitation, attachments, exhibits, any amendments and links to online reference/technical/bidders library will be attainable electronically through the Government-wide point of entry website at www.SAM.gov. Potential offerors are requested to periodically monitor the websites for updates.

NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) 1852.215-84, Ombudsman, is applicable. The Center Ombudsman for this acquisition can be found at https://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/Procurement-Ombuds-Comp-Advocate-Listing.pdf

This NRA does not commit NASA GRC to pay any proposal preparation costs, nor does it obligate NASA GRC to procure or contract for these services. This request is not an authorization to proceed and does not authorize payment for any charges incurred by the offeror for performing any of the work called for in this solicitation.

Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be due no later than 5:00 PM EDT **August 3, 2026**. Proposals for this solicitation are required to be submitted through NASA's Enterprise File Sharing and Sync Box (EFSS Box), a FedRAMP Moderate certified platform. Potential offerors, especially those that have not previously submitted a proposal utilizing NASA's EFSS Box, are encouraged to review the solicitation instruction entitled "Electronic Proposal Delivery - Proposal Marking and Delivery Through NASA's EFSS Box" which provides instructions related to the submission of proposal via EFSS Box. Offerors are encouraged to check with their corporate IT staff to determine if there are firewall restrictions that would need to be addressed prior to the submission of proposal files through NASA's EFSS Box.

A "Blackout Notice" has been issued to NASA personnel. All inquiries/communications pertaining to this NRA must be directed only at the Contracting Officer listed below.

All questions regarding this NRA should be submitted in writing, electronically to Hunter Butkovic, Contract Specialist, at hunter.c.butkovic@nasa.gov with copy to Brianna Lindsey, Contracting Officer, at brianna.lindsey@nasa.gov on or before 5:00 PM EDT **June 29, 2026**. Offerors are encouraged to submit questions as soon as possible for consideration.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to receiving your proposals.

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