THIS WEEK'S SHORTLIST

312 items were on the list. 268 were set aside by rule and 5 are shortlisted for your team this week, each with a verdict, why it fits, and who to call.

	OPPORTUNITY	VERDICT	CLOSES
1	**Modular Counter-UAS Sensor Fusion & Low-SWaP Tracking (A26-041)** ARMY RCCTO · HUNTSVILLE · $1.8 million... Fits on counter-uas, sensor fusion, eo/ir. Direct match to your edge processor; pre-release...	CHASE	6 Nov 2026
2	**NAWCAD (WOLF) Airborne & Fixed-Site Sensor Integration (ASI) Division...** NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND · New this... Fits on sensor integration, c-uas, eo/ir; buyer already holds your active Navy task order.	CHASE	20 Oct 2026
3	**OPEN - Proliferated Low-Altitude Detection for C-sUAS...** USAF SBIR · AFRL SENSORS DIRECTORATE... Fits on c-suas, drone, network; Direct-to-Phase-II call aligned with your Manassas RF subarray line.	CHASE	21 Oct 2026
4	**Autonomous Attritable Electronic Warfare & C-UAS Payloads...** AFRL SENSORS DIRECTORATE... Fits on ew, sensor, c-uas; $48M ceiling is sized for a prime, and two frequent AFRL primes lack...	TEAM	18 Nov 2026
5	**Expeditionary EW & Micro-Doppler Radar Signal Processing Sources...** NSWC CRANE DIVISION · New this week... Sources sought: names micro-doppler, radar, electronic warfare. Answering shapes the...	RESPOND	12 Nov 2026

Each entry in full, with who to call, is on the next page.

312 Items judged

268 Set aside

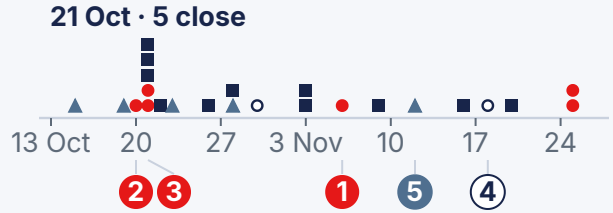
44 Kept

Look closer is the largest group: 21 of 44 kept items



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5 of 44 kept items close on 21 Oct



24 of 44 kept items close by 27 Nov 2026. Not drawn: 20 closing later.

Your standing at your buyers

8(a) and HUBZone obligations since 1 Oct 2024. Bars: the company against each buyer's top firm.

Army RCCTO & ACC-Redstone no. 2
$8.4 million

AFRL Sensors Directorate no. 3
$4.9 million

NSWC Crane Division no. 4
$3.1 million

01 This week's shortlist

1 Modular Counter-UAS Sensor Fusion & Low-SWaP Tracking (A26-041)

CHASE

closes **6 Nov 2026**

ARMY RCCTO · HUNTSVILLE · $1.8 million Phase II ceiling

Fits on counter-uas, sensor fusion, eo/ir. Direct match to your edge processor; pre-release TPOC window open. New this week · Pre-release until 28 Oct

WHO TO CALL **Dr. Marcus Vance marcus.d.vance.civ@army.mil**

2 NAWCAD (WOLF) Airborne & Fixed-Site Sensor Integration (ASI) Division Solicitation

CHASE

closes **20 Oct 2026**

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND

Fits on sensor integration, c-uas, eo/ir; buyer already holds your active Navy task order.
New this week · Small Business Set Aside - Total

WHO TO CALL **Olivia Bossert olivia.e.bossert.civ@us.navy.mil**

3 OPEN - Proliferated Low-Altitude Detection for C-sUAS (DAF26BX06-DP027)

CHASE

closes **21 Oct 2026**

USAF SBIR · AFRL SENSORS DIRECTORATE · $2.0 million

Fits on c-suas, drone, network; Direct-to-Phase-II call aligned with your Manassas RF subarray line. Direct to Phase II · Small Business

WHO TO CALL **Capt. Elena Rostova elena.rostova.1@us.af.mil**

4 Autonomous Attritable Electronic Warfare & C-UAS Payloads (FA8650-26-S-5012)

TEAM

closes **18 Nov 2026**

AFRL SENSORS DIRECTORATE · WRIGHT-PATTERSON · $48.0 million ceiling

Fits on ew, sensor, c-uas; $48M ceiling is sized for a prime, and two frequent AFRL primes lack a low-SWaP Ku-band subarray. Subcontracting target

WHO TO CALL **Jonathon Hecker jonathon.r.hecker.civ@us.af.mil**

5 **Expeditionary EW & Micro-Doppler Radar Signal Processing Sources Sought**

RESPOND

closes **12 Nov 2026**

NSWC CRANE DIVISION

Sources sought: names micro-doppler, radar, electronic warfare. Answering shapes the small-business set-aside decision. New this week | Sources Sought

WHO TO CALL **Rachel Stone rachel.stone.civ@us.navy.mil**

CHASE Fits, open, winnable on its face. **RESPOND** A request for information.

TEAM Go in under someone.

02 Your awards on the public record

USAspending API, read 13 Oct 2026: prime awards to Meridian Defense Systems, LLC that ended in the last 120 days or end in the next 180. Amounts are obligations to date.

Award	Last recorded action	Obligated	Period ends
W911QX24C0042: Multi-Modal Counter-sUAS Edge Sensor Node Meridian Defense Systems, LLC Army RCCTO · Huntsville	18 Aug 2026, P00006, incremental funding action, +$1.9 million	**$8.4 million**	**14 Dec 2026 (in 62 days)**
FA865025C1108: Low-SWaP Ku-Band Micro-Doppler Subarray Meridian Defense Systems, LLC AFRL Sensors Directorate	04 Jun 2026, P00003, exercise option period 1, +$2.4 million	**$4.9 million**	**28 Feb 2027 (in 138 days)**
N0016424C6019: Expeditionary Maritime EO/IR Tracking Gimbal Meridian Defense Systems, LLC NSWC Crane Division	12 May 2026, P00004, administrative closeout prep, +$0	**$3.1 million**	**19 Sep 2026 (passed)**
W56KGU25C0084: C5ISR Tactical Data Link & Sensor Netting Meridian Defense Systems, LLC Army ACC-Aberdeen	29 Jul 2026, P00002, supplemental agreement, +$650,000	**$1.8 million**	**30 Mar 2027 (in 168 days)**

- **W911QX24C0042, Multi-Modal Counter-sUAS Edge Sensor Node.** Period of performance ends 14 Dec 2026. No follow-on contract action is recorded yet, but Army RCCTO Topic **A26-041** (shortlist item 1 above, closing 6 Nov 2026) funds the next-generation modular processor in the same branch.
- **N0016424C6019, Expeditionary Maritime EO/IR Tracking Gimbal.** Ended 19 Sep 2026. NSWC Crane posted Sources Sought **N00164-27-SN-0014** (shortlist item 5 above, closing 12 Nov 2026) covering the successor expeditionary radar/sensor requirement.

03 Closing in the next 14 days

Opportunity	Verdict	Closes
Army Contracting Command (ACC-APG) High-Altitude & Tactical C-UAS Sensor RFI W6QK ACC-APG	RESPOND	15 Oct 2026
Alaska Range Combat Training Integrated Communications and Sensor Support (ARCTICS II) FA5215 766 ESS PKP	RESPOND	19 Oct 2026
NAWCAD (WOLF) Airborne & Fixed-Site Sensor Integration (ASI) Division Solicitation NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND	CHASE	20 Oct 2026
OPEN - Proliferated Low-Altitude Detection for C-sUAS (DAF26BX06-DP027) USAF SBIR	CHASE	21 Oct 2026
Resilient Integrated Photonic & RF Transport In Denied Environments (SOC26BZ06-DV006) SOCOM SBIR	CHASE	21 Oct 2026
Ground and Air Launched Drone Swarms Create a Self-Protecting Perimeter USAF SBIR	LOOK CLOSER	21 Oct 2026
Software Defined Radio Solutions (SDRS) Integrated Product Team (IPT) Technical Support NIWC ATLANTIC	LOOK CLOSER	21 Oct 2026
DRAFT Solicitation for PMA-265 Program Management & Sensor Integration Services NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER AIR DIV	LOOK CLOSER	22 Oct 2026
NAWCAD WOLF IC2IS Intelligence Communications Support Follow-On Sources Sought NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER AIR DIV	RESPOND	23 Oct 2026

Opportunity	Verdict	Closes
Procurement of Fixed-Site Low, Slow, Small Unmanned Aircraft System Integrated Defeat DEPT OF THE ARMY	LOOK CLOSER	**26 Oct 2026**

04 Go in under someone

Work in your field that is too large to prime, or is held by a large prime contractor. The firm named is who to call about a subcontract before option exercise or recompete.

Held by	What it buys	Size	Ends
PINNACLE SOLUTIONS, LLC	Fort Huachuca Unmanned Aircraft & Counter-UAS Range Support	**$62.6 million**	**31 Oct 2026**
BAE SYSTEMS INFORMATION AND ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS	Low-Cost Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems Technology Integration	**$16.1 million**	**13 Nov 2026**
MANTECH TSG-2 JOINT VENTURE	Unmanned Aircraft Systems Engineering and Sensor Analysis for NAVAIR	**$76.8 million**	**12 Dec 2026**
RAYTHEON COMPANY	Advanced Technology Support Program (ATSP) Radar & EW Modernization	**$178.1 million**	**31 Dec 2026**
LEIDOS, INC.	Project Mjolnir Counter-sUAS Directed Energy & Sensor Fusion Test	**$34.7 million**	**31 Dec 2026**
SUMARIA SYSTEMS, LLC	AFLCMC Engineering and Radar Sustainment Support Services	**$193.8 million**	**28 Feb 2027**

05 Doors that stay open

CHEERS MAA Open Period 3 — All Technical Areas, 10 U.S.C. 3458 Commercial Solutions Opening, USAF AFMC AFRL, open until Sep 2028. Open

Finding Agile Solutions for Test (FAST) Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO), AFTC Edwards AFB, open until Sep 2027. Open

Army Applications Laboratory (AAL) Broad Agency Announcement for Disruptive C-UAS & Autonomy, W911NF ACC-APG, open until May 2028. Open

DARPA Defense Sciences Office (DSO) Office-Wide Broad Agency Announcement, DARPA, open until Jun 2027. Open

06 Who your buyers use under the same set-asides

USAspending API, read 13 Oct 2026. Small-business contract obligations since 1 Oct 2024 at your three core buying offices in NAICS 334511, 541715 and 541330.

Army RCCTO & ACC-Redstone

1. SRC INC — **$14.2 million**
2. **Meridian Defense Systems, LLC** — **$8.4 million** the company
3. Liteye Systems, Inc. — **$6.9 million**
4. DroneShield LLC — **$5.8 million**
5. Echodyne Corp. — **$4.3 million**

AFRL Sensors Directorate

1. Matrix Research, Inc. — **$19.6 million**
2. Numerica Corporation — **$11.2 million**
3. **Meridian Defense Systems, LLC** — **$4.9 million** the company
4. Toyon Research Corporation — **$4.1 million**
5. Chaos Industries, Inc. — **$3.5 million**

NSWC Crane Division

1. Loughmiller Innovation LLC — **$9.8 million**
2. Citadel Defense Company — **$7.4 million**
3. Black Sage Technologies — **$4.6 million**
4. **Meridian Defense Systems, LLC** — **$3.1 million** the company
5. Silent Falcon UAS — **$2.2 million**

Bars are scaled within each buyer. The company's own entities are in red and marked in words.

Their awards that end by 13 Oct 2027

Small-business awards of $1.0 million or more at your watched buyers whose period of performance ends within 12 months. Soonest first.

Held by	What it buys	Set-aside	Obligated	Ends
Liteye Systems, Inc. Army RCCTO & ACC-Redstone	Containerized C-sUAS EO/IR & Radar Surveillance Nodes (W911QX23C0019)	Small business	**$6.9 million**	**14 Nov 2026**

Held by	What it buys	Set-aside	Obligated	Ends
Numerica Corporation Army RCCTO & ACC-Redstone	Mimir Multi-Sensor Track Correlation & Air Defense Software (W31P4Q24F0112)	Small business	**$11.2 million**	**18 Dec 2026**
Citadel Defense Company NSWC Crane Division	Titan Counter-UAS RF Detection & Automated Defeat Kits (N0016424F3011)	Small business	**$7.4 million**	**15 Jan 2027**
Toyon Research Corporation AFRL Sensors Directorate	Passive RF & Electro-Optical Threat Geolocation Algorithms (FA865024C1044)	SBIR Phase II	**$4.1 million**	**28 Feb 2027**
Black Sage Technologies NSWC Crane Division	Sawtooth Modular Counter-UAS Open Architecture Turret (N0016424C6088)	Small business	**$4.6 million**	**31 Mar 2027**
Echodyne Corp. Army RCCTO & ACC-Redstone	EchoShield Metamaterial Electronically Scanned Array Radars (W911QX24F0081)	Small business	**$4.3 million**	**30 Apr 2027**

07 Labor ceilings on GSA schedules

GSA CALC small-business ceiling rates (read 13 Oct 2026) in SIN 541330ENG and 541715 beside Meridian Defense Systems' current MAS schedule rates.

Title	Small-business ceilings	25th	Median	75th	25th to 75th
Principal RF / Radar Systems Engineer	148 ceilings	**$168.00**	**$196.00**	**$234.00**	
Your schedule rate (MAS): $185.00 (below median by $11/hr)					
Senior Sensor Fusion Software Architect	212 ceilings	**$154.00**	**$182.00**	**$218.00**	
Your schedule rate (MAS): $179.00 (at market median)					
Embedded FPGA / DSP Firmware Engineer	119 ceilings	**$142.00**	**$165.00**	**$194.00**	
Your schedule rate (MAS): $148.00 (near 25th percentile — room to raise on option year)					
Field Integration & Range Test Engineer	184 ceilings	**$118.00**	**$136.00**	**$159.00**	
Your schedule rate (MAS): $134.00 (at market median)					

Title	Small-business ceilings	25th	Median	75th	25th to 75th
Program Manager (C5ISR / RDT&E)	265 ceilings	**$162.00**	**$189.00**	**$225.00**	

Your schedule rate (MAS): $184.00 (at market median)

Range bars share one scale, $0 to $250. Each runs from the 25th to the 75th percentile of the ceilings; the red mark is the median.

08 Money in your field

Federal contract records through 2026-09-29 in Counter-UAS, tactical radar and sensor fusion.

Largest recent awards

Winner	For	Amount	Date
SEMPRE, INC. Department of the Air Force	C-UAS Striker package and resilient base area layer network support	**$41.4 million**	2026-06-08
AMENTUM SERVICES, INC. Department of the Air Force	Operational, technical, engineering and transition analysis for C-sUAS	**$13.0 million**	2026-06-15
DRONESHIELD LLC Department of the Army	Counter-small unmanned aircraft system (C-sUAS) dismounted kits	**$13.8 million**	2026-06-01
NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYSTEMS CORP Defense Microelectronics Activity	Advanced Technology Support Program (ATSP) RF sensor processor	**$9.7 million**	2026-05-26
W S DARLEY & CO Defense Logistics Agency	Tactical mesh network & sensor manager processor assemblies	**$7.0 million**	2026-06-01
ANDURIL INDUSTRIES, INC. Department of the Army	Lattice IBCS-M Counter-UAS capability integration	**$2.1 million**	2026-05-29

Who is winning the most, fiscal 2025 on

Firm	Contracts	Obligated
ANDURIL INDUSTRIES, INC.	10	$85.4 million
AMENTUM SERVICES, INC.	1	$63.2 million
NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYSTEMS CORP	6	$56.8 million
SEMPRE, INC.	1	$44.8 million
LEIDOS, INC.	4	$39.8 million

Firm	Contracts	Obligated
W S DARLEY & CO	8	$34.2 million
SRC INC	8	$27.9 million
MERIDIAN DEFENSE SYSTEMS, LLC	4	$16.4 million

09 What we set aside, and why

Since the first brief on 2026-09-28, each item counted once

328	284	44
Items judged	Set aside	Kept

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Closed or no longer listed is the main reason: 104 of the 268 set aside this week (39%)

Closed or no longer listed	**104**	39%
Outside the company's field	**98**	37%
Could not be verified	**38**	14%
Too late to start	**15**	6%
Set aside for firms the company is not	**11**	4%
Already spoken for	**2**	1%

The count by reason since the first brief: appendix (A2).

Already spoken for. These matched your field. Bidding on them would have cost you the time and not the win.

- N66001-27-Q-6005 — Notice of Intent to Sole Source to Vantage Associates, Inc. for Shipboard Radome Assemblies: the agency has said it will buy from one named source.
- W56KGU-26-R-0091 — Sole-Source Bridge Extension for AN/TPQ-53 Counterfire Radar Sustainment: sole-source action to the incumbent OEM.

APPENDIX

What was and was not checked, the full tables, and how the figures were counted.

A1 What was and was not checked

- Your awards and later awards for the same work: read; USAspending API, read 13 Oct 2026; 4 active or recently closed prime awards on record, $16.4 million obligated.

- Open contract notices and points of contact: read; 74,501 SAM.gov active notices posted through 13 Oct 2026.
- Buyer standings and expiring competitor awards: read; USAspending API and local spending archive through 29 Sep 2026.
- GSA labor ceilings: read; GSA CALC ceiling rates as of 13 Oct 2026.
- Not in the $250 Contracts plan: 0–100 SBIR/STTR Competition Scores (who a topic was written for), R-2 Comptroller budget movement in your program elements, weekly USPTO patent watch on you and your rivals, and your Congressional delegation map, committee seats, and Hill staff contacts (included in **$500 The whole plan**).

A2 Running tally: the count by reason

Since the first brief on 2026-09-28, each item counted once.

Metric	Items
Judged	328
Set aside	284
... closed or no longer listed	112
... outside the company's field	104
... could not be verified	40
... too late to start	15
... set aside for firms the company is not	11
... already spoken for	2
Kept as Chase	6
Kept as Respond	9
Kept as Look closer	21
Kept as Team	8