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The Exploration Systems Development office has a portfolio that includes emerging commercial crew and cargo capabilities for transportation to low-Earth orbit and the International Space Station, as well as the Space Launch System and Orion Multipurpose Crew Vehicle designed for missions beyond Earth orbit and to serve as backup transportation to the Space Station.

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Space Launch System (SLS) Program Overview.  
NASA Research Announcement (NRA) Advanced Booster (AB).  
Engineering Demonstration and Risk Reduction (EDRR) Industry Day.

Todd A. May, SLS Program Manager.  
NASA Marshall Space Flight Center.  
December 15, 2011.

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NASA Authorization Act of 2010.

The Congress approved and the President signed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010.

Bipartisan support for human exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (LEO).

The Law authorizes:

Extension of the International Space Station (ISS) until at least 2020.

Strong support for a commercial space transportation industry.  
Development of Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV) and heavy lift launch capabilities.  
A flexible path approach to space exploration, opening up vast opportunities including near-Earth asteroids and Mars.  
New space technology investments to increase the capabilities beyond Earth orbit (BEO).

Delivering on the Laws of the Land and Obeying the Laws of Physics.

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SLS is a National Asset for Multiple Stakeholders and Partners.  
The SLS, designed for missions beyond Earth's orbit, will help the nation perform initial exploration missions, gain the high ground, move out into the solar system, explore other worlds, and conduct planetary exploration.

SLS – Going beyond Earth's Orbit.

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SLS Driving Objectives.

Safe: Human-Rated.

Affordable.  
Constrained budget environment.  
Maximum use of common elements and existing assets, infrastructure, and workforce.  
Competitive opportunities for affordability on-ramps.

Initial capability: 70 metric tons, 2017 through 2021.  
Serves as primary transportation for Orion and exploration missions.  
Provides back-up capability for crew/cargo to ISS.

Evolved capability: 130 ton, post-2021.  
Offers large volume for science missions and payloads.  
Modular and flexible, right-sized for mission requirements.

SLS First Flight in 2017.

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SLS Architecture Uses Existing and Advanced Technologies to Fly in 2017.

The SLS will evolve from an initial 70 metric ton capability in 2017 to its full capability of 130 metric tons after 2021.

Built in the U.S.A.

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SLS Maximizes U.S. Aerospace Workforce and Capabilities.

Boosters (3-phased approach).

Phase I: 5-segment Solid Rocket Booster in-scope modification to existing Ares contract with ATK for initial flights through 2021.

Phases II and III: Advanced Boosters.

Phase II: Engineering demonstration and risk reduction via NASA Research Announcement (NRA):

Full and Open Competition in FY12; award by FY13.

Phase III: Design, Develop, Test, and Evaluation (DDT and E): Full and Open Competition (RFP target FY15).

Stages.

Core/Upper Stage: Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition (JOFOC) to Boeing, modifying current Ares Upper Stage contract.

Instrument Unit Avionics: In-scope modification to existing Ares contract with Boeing; consolidated with Stages contract to Boeing.

Engines.

Core Stage Engine: RS-25 JOFOC to existing Space Shuttle contract with Pratt and Whitney Rocketdyne (PWR).

Upper Stage Engine: J-2X in-scope modification to existing Ares contract with PWR.

Future Core Stage Engine: Separate contract activity to be held in the future.

Spacecraft and Payload adapter and Fairing.

Initial design:

Adapter and Fairing design and development in-house through early design phase.

Fairing Full and Open Competition planned for FY13.

Delivers Near-Term Initial Capabilities and Spurs Competition for Evolved Capabilities.

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Three-Phase Booster Development Approach.

Full and Open Competition.

Advanced Booster Design, Development, Test, and Evaluation (DDT and E).

Scope: Follow-on procurement for DDT and E of a new booster.

Date: RFP target is FY15.

Capability: Evolved at 130 ton.

Contract: Full and Open Competition (Liquids or Solids).

Full and Open Competition.

Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration And Or Risk Reduction NRA.

Scope: Award contracts that reduce risks leading to an affordable Advanced Booster that

meets the evolved capabilities of SLS and enable competition by mitigating targeted Advanced Booster risks to enhance SLS affordability.

Date: Issue draft NRA Dec 12, 2011; award targeted for Oct 1, 2012.

Capability: Leading to 130 ton.

Contract: NRA Demonstrating Specific Technologies and Affordability Risk Reduction for Advanced Boosters.

Liquid Rocket Boosters or Solid Rocket Boosters.

Booster Fly-out for Early Flights through 2021.

Scope: Build two 5-segment SRB Flight Sets.

Date: In progress.

Capability: Initial 70 to 100 tons.

Contract: Mod to Ares contract with ATK.

Moving Forward from Initial to Evolved Capability.

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Summary.

SLS is a national capability that empowers entirely new exploration for missions of national importance.

Program key tenets are safety, affordability, and sustainability.

SLS builds on a solid foundation of experience and current capacities to enable a timely initial capability and evolve to a flexible heavy-lift capability through competitive opportunities:

Reduce risks leading to an affordable Advanced Booster that meets the evolved capabilities of SLS.

Enable competition by mitigating targeted Advanced Booster risks to enhance SLS affordability and performance.

The road ahead promises to be an exciting journey for present and future generations, and we look forward to working with you to continue America's space exploration.

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Advancing the U.S. Legacy of Human Exploration.

From the Saturn 5 that took Americans to the Moon in the 1960s and 1970s, and the Space Shuttle that served the nation with distinction for the last 30 years, the SLS will build on that heritage to provide a new generation of explorers the means to go further than we have in the last 40 years and to conduct entirely new space exploration missions.

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Space Launch System.

NASA Research Announcement.

Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction.

Christopher M. Crumbly, Chairperson.

Kellie D. Craig, Contracting Officer.

December 15, 2011.

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Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction (NRA) Intent.

The intent of the ABEDRR effort is to.

Reduce risks leading to an affordable Advanced Booster that meets the evolved capabilities of SLS.

Enable competition by mitigating targeted Advanced Booster risks to enhance SLS affordability.

Key Concepts.

Offerors must propose an Advanced Booster concept that meets SLS Program requirements.

Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction must relate to the Offeror's Advanced Booster concept.

NRA will not be prescriptive in defining Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction.

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Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction NRA: Timeline.

The Procurement Strategy Meeting was held in September 2011.

The acquisition package was prepared in September and October 2011.

The draft NRA synopsis was released in December 2011.

The final NRA was released in December 2011.

Industry was briefing on December 15, 2011.

The final NRA will be used in January 2012.

The proposals will be developed in January, February, March, and April 2012.

Proposals are due in April 2012.

Proposals will be evaluated in April, May, June, and July 2012.

Negotiations will be held in July, August, and September 2012, with awards made in October 2012.

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Model Contract.

Sections A-I.

Attachment J-2, DPD.

Attachment J-3, Applicable/Reference Documents.  
Attachment J-10, Meeting and Review Requirements; Assessments of Contractor Performance.

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NRA Body—Executive Summary.

ABEDRR NASA Research Announcement (NRA):

This NRA seeks identification and mitigation of risks for the Advanced Booster.

Offeror shall:

Propose an Advanced Booster concept in response to a set of top-level performance requirements that meet the SLS vehicle mission requirements (provided in NRA Appendices A and B). The demonstration and/or risk reduction efforts must tie directly to the Offeror's proposed Advanced Booster concept.

Identify their most relevant technical risks associated with adaptation of Advanced Booster technology to the SLS vehicle configuration.

Propose related demonstrations and/or risk reduction efforts on how key risks can be mitigated. One to five risks and associated risk reduction efforts for each Advanced Booster concept are preferred.

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NRA Body—Executive Summary.

Notional Target Areas for Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction.

Large Booster Component Development/Fabrication.

Modular/Common Booster Component Development/Fabrication.

Oxygen-Rich Materials/Technologies Development.

Refined Petroleum (RP) Combustion Performance and Stability Advancement.

Potential Recovery and Reuse of Salt Water Recovered Engines and/or Booster Systems.

Structural Testing of Low Mass-to-Strength Ratio Material.

Non-Destructive Evaluation of Low Mass-to-Strength Ratio Material Structures.

Damage Assessment of Solid Propellant/Liner/Insulation Integrity  
(during fabrication up until launch).

Solid Booster Propellant Formulations.

Advanced Manufacturing Process Demonstration.

Advanced Material Selection and Test.

Thrust Vector Control (TVC) Systems/Components.

Booster-to-Core Interface Attach Point Methods/Locations.

Offeror is allowed to present other high-value engineering demonstration and/or risk-reduction areas.

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NRA Body—Executive Summary.

Key Concepts.

Offeror must propose an Advanced Booster concept that meets SLS Program requirements.

Modification to SLS Program requirements will be considered if significant affordability gains can be shown.

Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction must relate to the Offeror's Advanced Booster concept.

NRA is not prescriptive in defining Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction. Allows Offeror maximum flexibility.

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NRA Body—Sections 1 through 3.

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NRA Body—Section 1.

Section 1 - Funding Opportunity Description.

Funding not currently available; award is contingent on the availability of appropriated funds.

Construction of facilities is not an allowed activity.

Participation by non-U.S. organizations and Foreign Governments is:  
Limited to the direct purchase of supplies and/or services that do not constitute research.  
Use of a non-U.S. manufactured launch vehicle is permitted only on a no-exchange-of-funds basis.  
Non-U.S. organizations and Foreign Governments are not allowed to be prime contractors.

All information needed to respond to this solicitation is contained in this NRA and the NASA Guidebook for Proposers. This NRA takes precedence in case of conflict.

By reference, the January 2011 edition of the NASA Guidebook for Proposers is incorporated into this NRA.

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NRA Body—Section 1.

### Section 1 - Funding Opportunity Description

Access to the SLS NRA NNM12ZPS001N Technical Library is through the following website: <https://nsckn.nasa.gov>.

Access will be granted by the Contracting Officer after submission of Appendix F – Affidavit.

Offerors are advised that hardware, software, or related materials and services, including technical data, may be subject to U.S. export control laws, including the U.S. Export Administration Act, the Arms Export Control Act, and their associated regulations.

Provisions of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR, 22 CFR Parts 120 through 130) may be applicable to this activity.

Additional Information may be found at <http://www.pmddtc.state.gov/> and <http://www.bis.doc.gov>.

Offerors are responsible for the determination of applicability of ITAR regulations to their proposal and appropriate marking.

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NRA Body—Section 2.

### Section 2 - Award Information.

Proposals will be valid for 12 months to allow for a later award should the opportunity become available, unless withdrawn by the Offeror prior to award.

Multiple awards anticipated.

Total funding available: \$200,000,000.

Funding allocation: 30 percent in FY2013; 50 percent in FY2014; and 20 percent in FY2015.

Period of Performance: October 2012 through March 2015 (not-to-exceed 30 months).

May select for shorter period of performance.

Successful Offerors to this NRA are not guaranteed an award for any future Advanced Booster acquisition.

Unsuccessful Offerors to this NRA are not precluded from an award for any future Advanced Booster acquisition.

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Section 3 - Eligibility Information.

Primes may only be U.S. domestic entities.

Other Government agencies, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), and NASA Centers or their employees may be a supplier, consultant, or subcontractor via separate, fully reimbursable contract vehicles (for example, Space Act Agreement).

NASA employees are not permitted to be key personnel.

No restriction on the number of proposals an organization may submit.

Each proposal must be a separate, stand-alone, and complete document.

One to five risks and associated risk reduction efforts for each Advanced Booster concept are preferred.

Cost sharing is not required for contract awards.

While cost sharing is not part of the evaluation criteria, it may impact NASA's evaluation of the intrinsic merit.

For example, an Offeror's investment in facilities, tooling, or Independent Research and Development will be considered as part of intrinsic merit.

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Section 4.0 - Proposal and Submittal Information.

This section provides overall guidance for Offeror regarding the Space Launch System (SLS) Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction (ABEDRR) NRA.

How to acquire the ABEDRR NRA Proposal package.

Content and Form of the Proposal Submission.

Volume 1 - Relevance to NASA Objectives.

Volume 2 - Intrinsic Merit.

Volume 3 - Price.

Volume 4 - Model Contract.

Submission Dates, Time, and Location.

Offeror can acquire the Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction NRA Proposal package from the following sites.

Government Point of Entry (FedBizOpps).

NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS).

NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES).

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Content and Form of the Proposal Submission.

Proposal submission shall be prepared in accordance with Instructions for Responding to NASA Research Announcements (NFS 1852.235-72) (Nov 2004) as supplemented by Paragraph (n) (Jan 2006) as contained in the NASA Guidebook for Proposers, Appendix B. NFS Clause 1852.235-72 is hereby incorporated by reference.

Offerors are instructed to provide the following information to allow identification of their proposals:

Organization name.  
Proposal title.  
Organization type.  
Key personnel names and contact information.  
NRA identification number.  
Requested funding, start date, and duration.  
Proposal submission date.  
Signature of authorizing official.

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NRA Body—Section 4.  
Section 4.2.5 - Additional Proposal Guidance.

The proposal shall:  
Describe any substantial collaboration with individuals not referred to in the Price Volume or use of consultants.

If multiple Advanced Booster concepts are proposed, each shall be submitted in a separate proposal.

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Restriction on Use and Disclosure of Proposal Information.  
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Concept Risk List and Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction Summary.  
Liquid Rocket Booster (LRB) Propulsion Subsystem Description (if applicable).  
Solid Rocket Booster (SRB) Propulsion Subsystem Description (if applicable).  
Hybrid Rocket Booster (HRB) Propulsion Subsystem Description (if applicable).  
Major Structures/Interface Structures.  
Mass Statement.  
Advanced Booster and Reference Vehicle.  
Reliability.  
Affordability Plan.

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NRA Body—Section 4 (Appendix B).

Volume 1 - Advanced Booster Concept Description.

Requires the Offeror to provide predefined technical data and additional technical information required for proposal evaluation.

Appendix B will contain NASA-created Export controlled information.

Offeror must obtain clearance from Contracting Officer to access Appendix B.

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NRA Body—Section 4.

Volume 1 - Relevance to NASA Objectives.

Affordability Plan.

Description of affordability strategies as they relate to the Offeror's concept and how considerations of cost will be a principal factor from development to retirement.

Execute the SLS Program within the baseline constraints.

Identify ground rules and assumptions.

Identify work activities, procedures, and processes so they are compliant with this strategy.

Identify adaptation and benefits of Engineering Demonstration and Risk Reduction (EDRR) efforts to affordability strategy.

Update 30 days after completion of contract.

Modification to SLS Program requirements will be considered if significant affordability gains can be shown.

Offeror shall submit detailed description of modifications and affordability improvements to the Advanced Booster concept as well as the overall SLS Program affordability.

Provide schedule and cost rough orders of magnitude (ROMs) with proposal and updated per Affordability Plan.

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Volume 2 - Intrinsic Merit.

Management Approach.

Qualifications of Team.  
Teaming Arrangements.  
Facilities, Equipment, and Key Capabilities.  
Ground Rules and Assumptions.  
Deviations/Exceptions.  
Technical Approach.  
Description of Proposed Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction Effort.  
Relationship to Previous or Ongoing Work.  
Specific Model Contract Information.  
Data Procurement Document (DPD).  
Work Breakdown Structure (WBS).  
Statement of Work (SOW).  
Subcontracting Plan.  
Data Rights.  
Milestone Payment Plan.

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Volume 2 - Intrinsic Merit.  
Management Approach.  
Offeror shall describe their management approach for the proposed effort.  
Qualification of Team.  
Offeror shall submit a description of their team and rationale for their qualifications.  
Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) will be utilized by the Government to evaluate Offeror's past performance (no submission required from Offeror).  
Teaming Arrangements.  
Offeror shall disclose pertinent information regarding teaming for execution of the proposed effort, including commitment letters, and list of subcontractors.  
Offeror shall describe Small Business Utilization and how Small Business goals will be met.  
Facilities, Equipment, and Key Capabilities.  
Offeror shall identify the facilities, equipment, tooling and other special needs required to accomplish the proposed effort.  
Ground Rules and Assumptions (GR and A).  
Offeror shall identify any GR and A that require Government concurrence (i.e., facilities, property, etc.).  
Deviations and Exceptions.

Offeror shall identify any deviations or exceptions to the NRA and model contract.

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NRA Body—Section 4.

Volume 2 - Intrinsic Merit.

Technical Approach.

Offeror shall describe the methodology to be employed to execute the technical objectives, systems engineering approach, describe innovations, and propose a Statement of Work for each engineering demonstration and/or risk reduction effort.

Description of Proposed Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction Effort.

Offeror shall provide detailed descriptions of the proposed demonstration and/or risk reduction effort and how it applies to their overall booster concept.

Statement of Work, Work Breakdown Structure, and Data Procurement Document shall be provided under the model contract but evaluated for intrinsic merit.

Relationship to Previous or Ongoing Work.

The Offeror shall submit the relation of the proposed engineering demonstration and/or risk reduction effort to the present state of knowledge and relation to previous or ongoing work performed for or funded by a Federal agency.

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Volume 3 – Price.

Cost of Proposal.

Introduction.

Proper presentation, organization, and clarity, as well as adequate supporting documentation, must be provided to facilitate Government evaluation of the proposal.

The uniform policy concerning the price evaluation criterion is described in Appendix C of the NASA Guidebook for Proposers.

General Instructions.

Describes how cost and price will be evaluated and compared to available NASA funds.

The Government will evaluate price for reasonableness and completeness.

Specific Price/Cost Detail.

Provide cost data by Element of Cost (Appendix E) for each Risk Area proposed.

Each Risk Area is free standing to allow for award of single risk area up to selection of all risk areas proposed (i.e., complete set of cost and price data for each Risk Area proposed).

A limited set of data will be required with the proposal.

Description and rationale for components of cost.

WBS must be at a sufficient level to facilitate a complete evaluation and understanding.

Deviations from Price Volume Requirements.

Deviations shall be fully explained and supported.

Additional Price Requirements if Selected for Award.

Detailed WBS and B O Es required for negotiations.

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Volume 4 - Model Contract.

Model Contract.

Contract Terms and Conditions.

Statement of Work.

Data Procurement Document.

Work Breakdown Structure.

Subcontracting Plan.

Small Business Plan.

Cooperative Agreements.

Enhanced Use Lease Agreements.

Space Act Agreements.

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Proposed Page Limits.

Required Constituent Parts of a Proposal (in order of assembly).

Restriction on Use and Disclosure of Proposal Information (each Volume).

Page Limit—1.

Table of Contents (each volume).

Page Limit—Unlimited.

Volume 1 – Relevance to NASA Objectives.

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Executive Summary.  
Page Limit–3.  
Affordability Plan.  
Page Limit–15.

Total 43 pages.

Volume 2 – Intrinsic Merit.  
Page Limit–50.  
Space Act Agreements or Other Government Agreements.  
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Commitment Letters.  
Page Limit–Unlimited.  
Signed Teaming Agreements.  
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Data Procurement Document (If Offeror makes modifications).  
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Work Breakdown Structure.  
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NRA – Section 4 - Proposal Submittal.

The Offeror is advised that proposal submittal will not be made via NSPIRES.

Proposal package shall be submitted to Kathryn Cooper at:  
NASA.  
George C. Marshall Space Flight Center.  
Attention: Kathryn Cooper/PS41.  
MSFC, AL 35812.

1 Original plus 10 paper copies.

2 Digital copies.

Electronic copies shall be provided on a virus-free CD ROM in PC format and shall be readable by Microsoft Office Word 2007 edition and Microsoft Office Excel 2007 edition.

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Evaluation Criteria and Basis for Award.

Evaluation Criteria (all equal).

Relevance to NASA's Objectives.

Intrinsic Merit.

Price.

Basis for Award.

Based upon the evaluation of the Offeror's Advanced Booster concept and proposed demonstration and/or risk reduction effort and funding availability.

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Volume 1.

Relevance to NASA objectives, including why and what.  
Enhances affordability.  
Improves reliability.  
Meets performance requirements.  
Volumes 2 and 4 (only selected portions, including S O W, WBS, and DPD).  
Intrinsic merit, including what and how.  
Management approach.  
Technical approach.  
Small business utilization.

Volume 3.  
Price, including how much it will cost.  
Reasonableness.  
Completeness.  
Schedule.

These elements will all be factored into the findings, including strengths and weaknesses.

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Drilling down to the next level, findings will be assigned significance, rank ordered, and assigned adjectives to all three factors.

Factor 1, relevance to NASA objectives, will be graded either excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor.

Factor 2, intrinsic merit, will be graded either excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor.

Factor 3, price, will be given a confidence level of high, medium, or low.

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Relevance To NASA Objectives.

What?

Advanced Booster Concept.

Detailed Risk List.

EDRR Summaries.

Why?

Enhances Affordability.

Improves Reliability.

Meets Performance Requirements.

One Adjective Rating per Proposal (E/VG/G/F/P) Based on Ranked and Consolidated List of Strengths and Weaknesses.

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Intrinsic Merit.

How?

Management Approach.

Existing Capabilities, Experience, and Management Techniques.

Teaming/Partnering.

Past Performance.

Technical Approach.

Systems Engineering.

Innovativeness.

Technical Management.

Logical Methodologies.

Small Business Utilization.

Specifically Evaluates Model Contract for:

S O W, DPD, and WBS.

Subcontracting Plan.

Data Rights.

One Adjective Rating per Proposal (Excellent/Very Good/Good/Fair/Poor) Based on Ranked and Consolidated List of Strengths and Weaknesses.

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Intrinsic Merit – Past Performance.

Government will evaluate Offeror using the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS).

The Government will NOT evaluate any past performance data if included in Offeror's proposal.

Prime contractor and major subcontractors will be reviewed (performing 5 percent or more in content value).

PPIRS information reviewed will be based on relevant scope of effort and dollar value.

The Government will notify the Offeror of any past performance information reviewed in PPIRS determined as a weakness.

After notification, the Offeror may provide to the Government supplemental information on the performance corrective actions.

The Government will consider this information in relationship to the weakness identified through PPIRS.  
Lack of relevant past performance will not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably.

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Price.

Total Price Proposed Evaluated.

Reasonableness.

Clarity.

Within Funding Limits.

Total direct labor hours by skill mix, materials, travel, other direct costs (ODCs), and subcontracts.

Level of Confidence per EDRR (High/Medium/Low).

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NRA Body—Section 5.

Strength/Weakness Definitions.

Significant Strength.

An aspect of the proposal that greatly enhances the potential for successful contract performance.

Strength. An aspect of the proposal that will have some positive impact on the successful performance of the contract.

Weakness. A flaw in the proposal that increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance.

Significant Weakness. A flaw that appreciably increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance.

Adjective Ratings.

Excellent.

Exceptional merit that fully responds to the objectives of the NRA as documented by numerous or significant strengths and no significant weaknesses.

Very Good. High merit that fully responds to the objectives of the NRA, whose strengths fully outweigh any weaknesses.

Good. Credible response to the NRA, whose strengths and weaknesses essentially balance each other out.

Fair. Nominal response to the NRA but whose weaknesses outweigh any strengths.

Poor. Flawed having weaknesses that significantly outweigh strengths.

Price Confidence Ratings.

High. The Government has a very high level of confidence that the Offeror can perform successfully at or below the proposed price.

Medium. The Government has a reasonable level of confidence that the Offeror can perform successfully at or below the proposed price.

Low. The Government has a marginal level of confidence that the Offeror can perform successfully at or below the proposed price.

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Section 6 - Award Administration Information.

Notification of both the selected, as well as the non-selected Offerors, will be consistent with section C.5.3 of the NASA Guidebook for Proposers.

Anticipate Firm-Fixed-Price Awards.

Contract awards will be subject to the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS).

#### Section 7 - NASA Contact.

All questions shall be submitted in writing within 30 days of the issue date of this Draft NRA.

Questions shall be submitted to the procurement point of contact:  
Kathryn Cooper.

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Section 8 - Other Information.

Announcement of Updates/Amendments to Solicitation will be added as a formal amendment to this NRA.

It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to check for updates concerning the program(s) of interest.

NASA Partnerships Offices.

#### Section 9 - Concluding Statement.

NASA encourages the participation of industry in its SLS Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and/or Risk Reduction acquisition.

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NRA Body—Appendix A.  
Appendix A – SLS Mission Requirements and Reference Vehicle Technical Data.

NASA will provide basic technical information in order for Offeror to size a first-order reference vehicle with their proposed Advanced Booster concept to meet 130 metric tons to low-Earth orbit (LEO).

Note: Data provided to Offeror in Appendix A and  
Appendix B (Export Controlled).

This allows each Offeror to identify risk areas and also propose demonstration and/or risk mitigation efforts associated with their highest risks.

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Technical Requirements .  
Most significant requirements to SLS vehicle and booster sizing .  
Performance.

1. Mass to Orbit —130 metric tons (286,601 lbm) to LEO.
  2. Vehicle Dynamic Pressure less than 800 psf.
  3. Vehicle Acceleration less than 4.0 g's.
- Vehicle Configuration.
4. Booster-Core Interface.  
Forward and aft mechanical attach points similar to Space Shuttle.
  5. Booster-Ground Interface.  
Vehicle mates to 8 mechanical liftoff posts on Mobile Launcher (ML) similar to Space Shuttle.  
Vehicle fits to plume hole on ML.
  6. Load Path.  
Boosters support vehicle mass/loads (on ML) during assembly, rollout, prep, and tanking.

Boosters carry bulk of liftoff and ascent loads through forward attach points to the Core.

7. Height – Booster element max height limited to 235 feet based on Kennedy Space Center’s Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) lift constraint.

8. Vehicle Width – Vehicle width (core + boosters) limited to 67.5 feet due to VAB constraint.

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NRA Body—Appendix A.

Reference Launch Vehicle Description.

Booster mass and propulsion information.

Liquid – LOX/RP with six 1M lbf class high-performance hydrocarbon engines  
or

Solid - HTPB solid motor thrust trace.

Core Stage mass and propulsion information.

LOX/LH2 with five RS-25E engines.

Upper Stage mass and propulsion information.

LOX/LH2 with two J-2X engines (288k lbf with smaller epsilon nozzle).

Non-propulsive payload element.

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NRA Body—Appendix A.

Reference Mission Information.

Launch site – KSC LC-39B (geodetic references, latitude, longitude, altitude).

Ascent description and timeline.

Liftoff, pitch/roll maneuvers, gravity turn, propulsion assumptions for tailoff or shutdown, and staging information.

Ascent environments.

GRACE gravitational models.

GRAM atmosphere and winds.

Control.

Assuming basic 3-DOF trajectory analysis.

Control authority maintained if control torques remain 2x aero torques due to angle of attack (AoA) and side-slip variations (+/- 8 deg).

Guidance (similar to Shuttle).

Open loop prior to booster separation.

Closed-loop algorithm (PEG) after booster separation.

Trajectory states.

At booster separation.

Solid: Net booster thrust equals 80,000 lbf.

Liquid: Propellant depletion.

At mass injection to LEO.

47 x 130 nm orbit at 28.5 degrees inclination, with insertion at 77 nm altitude.

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NRA Body—Section 4 (Appendix B).

Volume 1 - Advanced Booster Concept Description.

Requires the Offeror to provide predefined technical data and additional technical information required for proposal evaluation.

Appendix B will contain NASA-created Export controlled information.

Offeror must obtain clearance from Contracting Officer to access Appendix B.

Snapshots of the forms that Offeror will fill out are shown for reference.

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NRA Body—Section 4 (Appendix C).

Appendix C - Acronyms/Abbreviations.

Snapshots of sample lists of acronyms and abbreviations are shown for reference.

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A sample form for subcontractor information is shown for reference.

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NRA Body—Section 4 – Element of Cost Detail (Appendix E).

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Element of Cost Detail

1. Direct Labor Hours.

Program Administration.

Engineering.

Manufacturing.

Maj or Subcontract.

Total Hours.

2. Direct Labor Cost.

Program Administration.

Engineering.

Manufacturing.

Total Direct Labor Cost.

3. Indirect Labor Cost.
4. Sub Total Cost.
5. Non-Labor.
  - a. Material.
  - b. Subcontracts.
  - c. Other Direct Cost.Total Non-Labor.
6. Sub Total Labor and Non-Labor.
7. General & Administrative.
8. Total Cost.
9. Profit/Fee.
10. Less Proposed Cost Sharing (if any).
11. Total Cost and Fee.
12. Proposed Space Act Agreement Cost.
13. Total Project Price.

Columns are shown for the period of performance, Government Fiscal Years 13, 14, and 15, along with a column for the total cost.

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NRA Body—Section 4 – Affidavit (Appendix F).  
A sample affidavit from the draft NRA is shown for reference.

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Clause F.3, Contract Hardware Deliverables – Offeror to propose as appropriate or may be added if selected for award.

Section G – Government Furnished Property Clauses – incorporated at contract award as appropriate.

Clause G.11, Contractor Employee Badging and Employment Termination Clearance (MSFC 52.204-90) (Aug 2010).

Contractor employees must undergo a background investigation prior to being issued a full-time Contractor badge granting access to Redstone Arsenal.

The Contractor shall establish procedures to:

Ensure that badged Contractor employees who no longer require Center access properly clear all accounts.

Turn in their badge to the MSFC Protective Services Office when the access is no longer needed.

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Clause H.2, Safety and Health.

The Contractor shall continually update the safety and health plan when necessary.

The Contractor shall furnish a list of all hazardous operations to be performed.

NASA and the Contractor shall jointly decide which operations are to be considered hazardous, with NASA as the final authority.

Before hazardous operations commence, the Contractor shall submit for NASA concurrence:

- (1) Written hazardous operating procedures for all hazardous operations; and/or
- (2) Qualification standards for personnel involved in hazardous operations.

Clause H.3, Major Breach of Safety or Security.

A major breach of safety may constitute a breach of contract that entitles the Government to exercise any of its rights and remedies applicable to material parts of this contract, including termination for default.

Clause H.5, Key Personnel and Facilities.

To be proposed by Offeror.

Change requires modification.

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Clause H.12, Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offeror.

If there are any significant changes to the representations and certifications, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as the condition is known.

Clause H.15, Evaluation of Subcontracting Plan.

Small Businesses – 10.5 percent.

Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns – 4.0 percent.

Women-Owned Small Business Concerns – 2.5 percent.

Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Small Business Concerns – 0.5 percent.

Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns – 0.5 percent.

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns – 0.3 percent.

Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution (HBCU/MI) – 0.2 percent.

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Clause H.16, Advanced Agreement in Rights in Data.

To be proposed by Offeror.

Clause will contain Contractor and Subcontractor Unlimited Rights, Limited Rights, and Restricted Rights.

Constitutes an advanced agreement between the Government and the Contractor regarding the interpretation of clause FAR 52.227-14, Rights in Data—General, Alternates II and III.

Clause H.18, SAE/AS9100 Compliance.

Comply with SAE/AS9100.

Third-party certification/registration is not required.

Clause H.19, NASA Facilities, Equipment, and Services and executed Space Act Agreements.

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Section I - The following clauses are listed as full text for convenience:

Rights in Data – General (52.227-14) (December 2007).

Additional Data Requirements (52.227-16) (June 1987).

Payments Under Fixed-Price Research and Development Contracts (52.232-2) (Apr 1984).

Limitation on Withholding of Payments (52.232-9) (Apr 1984).

Changes – Fixed-Price (52.243-1) (Aug 1987) – Alternate V (Apr 1984).

Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price) (52.249-2) (May 2004).

Default (Fixed-Price Research and Development) (52.249-9) (Apr 1984).

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Section J - List of Attachments - NASA PROVIDED.

Attachment J-2, Data Procurement Document/Data Requirements (additional data provided later in this presentation).

Offeror may propose modifications.

Attachment J-3, Applicable and Reference Documents (no applicable documents identified).

Attachment J-9, Contract Funding – TBD at award.

Attachment J-10, Meeting and Review Requirements; Assessment of Contractor Performance.

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Section J - List of Attachments - OFFEROR PROPOSED.

With initial submission:

Attachment J-1, Statement(s) of Work.

Attachment J-4, Work Breakdown Structure.

Attachment J-5, Subcontracting Plan.

Small Business Plan.

Cooperative Agreements.

Enhanced Use Lease Agreements.

Space Act Agreement(s).

If selected for award:

Attachment J-6, Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Plan.

See Model Contract Clause H.2 for Interrelationship and Data Requirement SA-001 – To be tailored.

Attachment J-7, Organizational Conflict of Interest Avoidance Plan.

See Model Contract Clause I-16, Access to Sensitive Information for Interrelationship and reference library for content information in STD/MA-OCI.

Attachment J-8, IT Security Management Plan.

See Model Contract Clause I.13, Security Requirements for Unclassified Information Technology Resources for Interrelationship.

Additional Information: The reference folder in the library contains information on submittal content for Technology Reports FAR 52.227-11 and NFS 1852.227-70.

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Attachment J-10, Meeting and Review Requirements; Assessment of Contractor Performance.

Minimum performance requirements identified (in addition to DPD).

Performance Requirements defined for tasks.

Maximum Allowable Incident Rate (MAIR)\*.

Reduction Methodology.

Recapture of Reduced Milestone Payments.

A table is shown with columns for requirements, performance standards, maximum allowable incident rate, method of surveillance, weighting percentage, and deduction percentage from milestone payment is shown for reference.

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NRA Data Procurement Document (DPD).

Key Concepts.

Offeror Can Propose Modifications to DPD.

Affordability Plan is requested with Proposal and shall be evaluated.

SHE Plan to be provided by Offeror(s) selected for award no later than 30 days after award.

Monthly Progress Reports, Demonstration/Test Plan, and Final Report are Key Deliverables.

Data Requirements List (DRL).

DRD.	Data Type.	TITLE.	OPR.
DE-001.	2.	Test/Demonstration Plan.	XP10.
MA-001.	3.	Monthly Progress Report.	XP10.
MA-002.	1.	Final Management and Technical Report.	XP10.
MA-003.	3.	Program/Project Schedules.	XP10.
MA-004.	2.	Affordability Plan.	XP10.
SA-001.	2.	Off-site Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Plan.	AS10/QD12.
SA-002.	3.	Mishap and Safety Statistics Reports.	QD12.

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NRA – Selection and Award Process.

STEP 1: The Selection Official will make a determination for selection.

STEP 2: The Offeror is informed of a total or partial award or non-award.

STEP 3: The Offeror is to submit additional information as specified by the Contracting Officers notification of selection.

Section 4 of the NRA: Additional Price Requirements if Selected for Award  
Model Contract Attachments - Organizational Conflict of Interest Avoidance Plan  
and IT Security Management Plan.

Start tailoring of DR for Off-site Safety, Health, and  
Environmental (SHE) Plan.

STEP 4: Negotiation with selected Offeror, as appropriate.

STEP 5: Award if successfully negotiated to selected Offeror.

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Precedence.

The posted NRA takes precedence over any discrepancies or inconsistencies noted between this presentation and the NRA.

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Questions and Answers.