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## DARPA Picks Raytheon for \$175M Hypersonic Air-Breathing Weapon Phase II Research Contract



[Raytheon](#) (NYSE: RTN) has received a potential \$174.7 million contract from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to perform research work under the second phase of the *Hypersonic Air-breathing Weapon Concept* program.

DARPA announced the contract award under the HAWC program through a FedBizOpps notice [published Monday](#).

The agency will obligate \$3.4 million from fiscal 2016 research and development funds at the time of award of the cost-plus-fixed-fee contract, the Defense Department [said Monday](#).

The [HAWC program](#) is a joint initiative of DARPA and the U.S. Air Force that aims to build and demonstrate technology platforms in order to facilitate the development of aerial-launched hypersonic cruise missile systems for use in future offensive strike missions.

Raytheon's contract comes more than a month after DARPA [awarded Lockheed Martin](#) (NYSE: LMT) a \$147.3 million cost-sharing contract to conduct research as part of a prototype agreement for the *Tactical Boost Glide* program.