

SpaceX's Lunar Lander Contract on Hold Again Pending Blue Origin's Lawsuit

"SpaceX's \$3 billion contract to build a lunar lander for NASA was put on hold for a second time on Thursday after Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin sued over the award, according to court filings. NASA voluntarily agreed to temporarily suspend the contract until November 1st while the US Court of Federal Claims, where Blue Origin filed suit last week, adjudicates the case," reports Joey Roulette in The Verge.

"Blue Origin had asked the court to grant a pause on SpaceX's contract while the litigation plays out, according to a person familiar with the company's sealed filings. NASA, eager to land astronauts on the Moon around 2024, agreed to halt SpaceX's contract on the condition that all parties agreed to "an expedited litigation schedule that concludes on Nov. 1," a spokesperson for the agency said. "NASA officials are continuing to work with the Department of Justice to review the details of the case and look forward to a timely resolution of this matter."

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