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General Comment

NASA would be completely out of their minds to shut this program down because these small vendors act as cheap, highly agile muscle for complex tech. Big defense contractors move like snails and charge a fortune just to change a simple bolt, while small engineering teams run lean, build wild new tech fast, and actively fight for every dollar. If NASA cuts them off, costs will skyrocket as the agency gets forced to buy everything from mega-corporations that overcharge for basic software and hardware, while the best garage inventors end up selling their gear to private buyers or foreign rivals. Keeping the program running is an absolute no-brainer for local economies and technological progress, though whoever designed their nightmare paperwork setup seriously needs to streamline it so these teams can spend less time filling out forms and more time actually building stuff.