Rocket Lab Lands Over $515M in Neutron Launch Deals from Constellation Operators in Q3

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LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 09, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Rocket Lab Corporation (Nasdaq: RKLB), a global leader in launch and space systems, today announced a record quarter of Neutron launch contracts: eight missions across five constellation operators totaling more than $515 million, including several missions sold at an elevated base price of $70 million per launch.

- European synthetic aperture radar constellation manufacturer and operator **ICEYE** has signed a contract for three dedicated Neutron launches beginning from late 2028.
- U.S.-based satellite manufacturer and constellation operator **Muon Space** has signed a contract for two dedicated Neutron launches, one in 2029 and one in 2030.
- U.S.-based company **Starcloud,** which plans to design, build, and deploy data centers in space, has also booked a dedicated Neutron launch in 2029.
- These contracts follow on from a single dedicated Neutron launch booked by Canadian satellite communications provider **Kepler Communications**, which was signed in Q3 and recently announced, and a single dedicated Neutron launch for the United States Space Force under the Space-Based Airborne Moving Target Indicator (SB-AMTI) program signed in Q3.

Q3 2026 Neutron launch contracts



Rocket Lab has secured over $515M in Neutron launch contracts from constellation operators in Q3, growing the rocket's backlog to 16 missions ahead of its debut and lifting the base launch price to $70 million for several of these missions as industry launch capacity tightens. With first launch now targeted for no earlier than 2027, critical milestones continue to be achieved across assembly, integration, testing, and delivery of first flight hardware to Launch Complex 3.

Huge demand for Neutron ahead of its debut has grown its launch manifest to 16 missions, with the next available launch opportunities now in the 2030s. The base launch price is now $70 million, up from $55 million, reflecting strong customer confidence in and demand for the vehicle amid tightening launch availability across the industry.

Rocket Lab founder and CEO, Sir Peter Beck, says: "Neutron is rapidly establishing itself as the backbone of next-generation constellation deployment and government missions in the medium-lift launch class. Strong international demand and a growing launch manifest at a new price point is proof that Neutron is the launch vehicle the market has been waiting for. We're proud to be the launch partner of choice for ICEYE, Muon Space, Starcloud, and Kepler Communications as they lead the way in their respective fields."

About Neutron

Neutron is Rocket Lab's medium-lift, reusable launch vehicle designed to deliver up to 13,000 kg to low Earth orbit. With its unique payload fairing design designed to support a rapid launch cadence, Neutron is set to redefine access to space for commercial and government customers alike. Engineered to deliver the world's most important missions to space, Neutron combines reusability, innovation and performance, and Rocket Lab's proven flight heritage to deliver a rocket to break worldwide launch constraints and keep constellations on track. Neutron's debut launch is scheduled for 2027.

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About Rocket Lab
Rocket Lab (Nasdaq: RKLB) is an end-to-end space company delivering rockets, satellites, and spacecraft components for commercial, government, and defense missions. Driven by its industry-leading small-lift rockets Electron and HASTE and its

upcoming reusable Neutron medium-lift rocket, Rocket Lab delivers reliable and responsive launch for the world's most important missions from constellation deployment to missile defense. Rocket Lab's satellites and components have powered more than 1,700 missions in Earth orbit, as well as deep-space exploration of the Moon, Mars, and beyond. Learn more at www.rocketlabcorp.com.

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