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Section 809 Panel Thanks Volunteer Organizations

The Section 809 Panel's mission is to streamline and improve the defense acquisition process. In support of this effort, the panel is authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 3161) to accept volunteer services. Organizations providing such services include CACI, and the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) team. In addition, Covington & Burling LLP, is Outside General Counsel to the Panel providing intermittent legal services and the benefit of decades of procurement law experience to the Panel.

"The Section 809 Panel's main goal is to refocus the purpose of the defense acquisition process to be mission first. That way we provide warfighters what they need, when they need it," said Deidre Lee, Section 809 Panel Chair. "Volunteer services are crucial in helping us complete our mission."

Covington's Government Contracts group is known for its ability to represent clients at all stages of the public procurement process. With over 45 lawyers dedicated to government contracts, Covington's practice is able to advise on the full range of issues that government contractors face. "We look forward to working with the Department of Defense in simplifying the complexity surrounding existing procurement rules," stated Herb Fenster and Sandy Hoe of Covington & Burling LLP.

CACI provides information solutions and services in support of national security missions and government transformation for Intelligence, Defense, and Federal Civilian customers. "Streamlining the defense acquisition process will benefit the government, industry, and ultimately the security of our nation," said Lora Drewer, CACI Senior Vice President, Corporate Director of Contracts and Procurement. "CACI is pleased to support the 809 Panel's efforts to obtain input from industry and provide valuable feedback. We look forward to working with the entire team to help work towards a simplification of the acquisition process."

The Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) team brings unparalleled expertise and experience with Cost Accounting Standards Board requirements to the Section 809 Panel, thanks to the pro bono contributions of such firms as Crowell & Moring, PwC, Vencore, and Potomac Partners R&M. "While the CASB requirements have brought a sound framework of accounting and administrative provisions, today's significantly changed procurement environment means now

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is a good time to refresh, clarify, and simplify the body of regulations,” shared Louis Rosen, CAS team leader. “Our team looks forward to making contributions that streamline regulations and make the application of CASB requirements easier for both contractors and government agencies.”

The Section 809 Panel is dedicated to achieving its congressional mandate of streamlining and improving the defense acquisition process. The expertise of these organizations will help the panel recommend the bold improvements needed to create an agile, results driven acquisition process compelled by our nation’s strategic needs.

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