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The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning! The Section 809 Panel is interested in finding out what is important to acquisition workforce members on the front line. Now is YOUR chance to meet with us. Join us for a workforce town hall where you can provide the panel with real time feedback. Just register for the event and show up!

Air Force Acquisition Nominee Takes Aim at F-35 Sustainment Costs

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The nominee for the Air Force's next head of acquisition has set his sights on lowering sustainment costs for the service's biggest procurement priority: the F-35 joint strike fighter.

Speaking to lawmakers during his Thursday confirmation hearing, Will Roper, currently the head of the Strategic Capabilities Office, said he intends to embark on a F-35 deep dive that will focus on how emerging technologies can help decrease sustainment costs over the life of the program.

"I am deeply concerned about the sustainment issues of the F-35. If I get confirmed, one of the first things I want to look at is the sustainment plan to make sure that there are not optimistic assumptions for this confluence of events that all happen together to get the price down," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

With more than five years under his belt as director of SCO — a rapid prototyping team revered by defense wonks for reinventing off-the-shelf items for emerging requirements — Roper is likely to sail through the nomination process.

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