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Daily Media Clips

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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! We found several articles that you may be interested in.

2018 Pentagon Priority: Speeding up Foreign Weapon Sales

December 30, 2017 | Aaron Mehta

Complaints about the speed of the foreign military sales process from allies, industry and within the Pentagon are nothing new.

But those hoping for reform see potential in 2018, thanks to a group of leaders with a personal focus on building up allied capabilities and an administration that sees weapon sales as a way to grow American jobs.

It starts with Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, who early on declared building up partner capabilities as one of his key objectives. That directive has been accompanied by a "steady drum-beat" on the issue, according to Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan, who told reporters on Dec. 21 that he would be working on the issue directly.

Shanahan, a former Boeing executive, said he has been meeting with Lt. Gen. Charles Hooper, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency head and Ellen Lord, the Pentagon's top acquisition official, to find ways to speed up the FMS process from the OSD level – or as Shanahan put it, "making sure we're not standing on the air hose waiting for a signature."

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Army Charts 30-Day Acquisition Process for New Cyber Capabilities
December 28, 2017 | Jared Serbu

Congress in for Messy Start to 2018
December 29, 2017 | Joe Gould

Mattis: 'I'm Saving Money for Bombs' Instead of Tokens of Gratitude for Troops
December 31, 2017 | Julia Manchester

Mattis: Conventional Forces Will Assume More Special Operations Force Roles in 2018
December 30, 2017 | Tara Copp

New in 2018: Lawmakers Gear up for Military Pay and Benefits Fights

December 30, 2017 | Leo Shane III

Why You'll Hear About a 'Cyber Carrier' in 2018
December 30, 2017 | Mark Pomerleau

What the 2018 Pay Raise Means for You
December 27, 2017 | Erich Wagner

Military Launch Quality Issues Flagged by DoD Watchdog
December 28, 2017 | Sandra Erwin

Managing Complex Transitions to the Cloud [Audio]
December 31, 2017 | Federal Tech Talk

Section 809 News

Happy New Year!

The December Bold Bites Podcast is available! Check out what Commissioner Charlie Williams has to say about audit and compliance in the DoD acquisition system. Get to know Mr. Williams more outside of the Section 809 Panel, too. He enjoys Caribbean cruises! LISTEN

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