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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.

Yes, it Can Be Done: Expediting Defense Acquisition
January 2, 2018 | Michael Fischetti

A recent conversation with Ellen Lord, the new undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, revealed her desire to make defense acquisition faster, compressing the timeline of requests for proposals, evaluation and contract award to 12 months.

One should take issue with this in one respect. The time spent from RFP up to award in 12 months or less is not a very high bar at all. In fact, this part of the acquisition process should be done in in less than 60 days, if not 30, which is still not aggressive enough.

"Never mistake motion for action." – Ernest Hemingway (1899–1961)

However, what is understood to be included within the acquisition process is often muddled. The intent might better be stated that the entire Department of Defense acquisition (not only contracting) cycle — including requirements, definition and market research — occur within a year. For as all involved can attest, it's the creation, coordination and validation process of the what and how (meaning the review and approval of acquisition decisions) that ensures delivery of systems that are almost technologically obsolete on Day One.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Why the Pentagon Can't Buy Space Hardware Like Aircraft Carriers
January 2, 2018 | Rick Lober

Among Pentagon's New Year's Resolutions: More Cyber
January 2, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

CR, New Procurement Rules Creating Tense Environment for Contractors [Audio]
January 2, 2018 | Federal Drive

India to Replace Russian Air Defense Systems Under $1.5B Program
January 2, 2018 | Vivek Raghuvanshi

IG Launches Review of Military Sealift Command Readiness Problems

January 2, 2018 | J. D. Simkins

A New Strategy for the Army's $28 Billion Intel-Sharing System
January 2, 2018 | Amber Corrin

NSA's Top Talent is Leaving Because of Low Pay, Slumping Morale and Unpopular Reorganization
January 2, 2018 | Ellen Nakashima

Army Business Transformation Head Outlines Ways to Encourage Innovation
January 2, 2018 | Ramona Adams

2018: Brave New World or Same Old Same Old?
January 2, 2018 | Mike Causey

Section 809 News

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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