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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.

RAND Study: Bid Protests are Rare, Aren't Frivolous
January 4, 2018 | Jared Serbu

A congressionally-mandated report on bid protests in the Defense Department appears to validate a view long held by the Government Accountability Office and many government contractors: protests are not an excessive burden on the Defense procurement system, and notwithstanding some exceptions, companies are not abusing the process.

The study, conducted by the RAND Corporation, was ordered as part of the 2017 Defense authorization bill as a compromise to senators who'd introduced legislation that would have restrained companies' ability to file protests. It found that while protests have been steadily increasing since 2008, the rate at which companies have succeeded in using them to convince the government to alter its procurement decisions or provide some other relief has stayed constant.

"If the increases were due to [frivolous] protests, the effectiveness rate should be falling, which it is not," the authors wrote. "One possible explanation is that firms are more willing to protest procurements, where, before, they refrained from doing so due to either the costs involved or the potential for creating ill will with the customer."

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

OMB Director Hits Capitol Hill Hoping to Hammer Out 2018 Budget [Audio]
January 4, 2018 | Eric White

5 Reasons the U.S. Army Must Modernize Faster to Avoid Catastrophe
January 3, 2018 | Loren Thompson

US Senate Confirms Rood as Pentagon Policy Chief
January 3, 2018 | Aaron Mehta and Joe Gould

2018 Forecast: Can the Army Reinvent Itself?
January 3, 2018 | Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.

GSA's $50 Billion IT Contract Delayed Again
January 3, 2018 | Frank Konkel

White House Names Acquisition Leaders at DOD, Air Force
January 3, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

Congress May Need Another Stopgap Even With a Budget Agreement
January 4, 2018 | Anna Edgerton and Laura Litvan

What Was the Big News for Feds in 2017?
January 3, 2018 | Jeff Neal

'Surprising Capabilities' Guru Tapped to Lead Air Force Acquisition
January 4, 2018 | Caroline Houck

Margot Conrad: Agencies Face a Slew of Hiring Challenges in 2018 [Audio]
January 3, 2018 | Federal Drive

CSIS: As Many as 17K Companies Have Left the Defense Business [Video]
December 27, 2017 | George Jackson

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