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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.

Reforming the 'Use It or Lose It' Problem in Defense Acquisition
January 19, 2018 | Allan Burman and Gabriel Nelson

Last year, a congressional hearing addressed "the military hovering aircrafts at the end of runways just to burn off fuel and soldiers sent to the shooting range sometimes for an entire day just to expend ammunition." What is the root cause of such seemingly wasteful practices? The answer is related to the feature of U.S. fiscal law commonly known as "use it or lose it."

Each year, the Department of Defense spends hundreds of billions of dollars acquiring goods and services from the private sector. This spending does not occur uniformly across the year. In the final weeks of each fiscal year, a "spending spree" occurs during which funds are urgently spent before they expire on Oct. 1. These annual sprees have complex proximate causes, but they are ultimately rooted in the decades-long breakdown of budgetary trust between different bodies of government. In short, the Pentagon's budget is broken because no one in government trusts anyone else to spend money in a smart way.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Unpredictable Pentagon Spending Causing Vendors to Leave Marketplace; Research and Development Stagnant
January 22, 2018 | Ben Werner

SpaceX Keeps U.S. Air Force's Confidence After Satellite's Loss
January 22, 2018 | Anthony Capaccio

Shutdown Over: Congress Reaches Deal to Restart Government Operations
January 22, 2018 | Leo Shane III and Joe Gould

Time to Bust the Caps? Senators Feel Optimistic About a Defense Budget Deal as Government Prepares to Reopen
January 22, 2018 | Travis J. Tritten

More Proof That Government Innovation Can Come From Anywhere
January 22, 2018 | Steve Kelman

Pentagon Deputy Tapped For Powerful New Management Role
January 22, 2018 | Aaron Boyd

Troops Will Get Paid This Week Despite Shutdown
January 22, 2018 | Leo Shane III and Tara Copp

Modernizing Infantry Marines: Big Changes Coming as Grunts Take on More Special Ops-Style Missions
January 22, 2018 | Shawn Snow

Even Short Government Shutdowns Impact Contractors
January 22, 2018 | Aaron Boyd

Frank Kendall: DoD Needs to Have 'Healthy Industrial Base'
January 23, 2018 | Jane Edwards

Section 809 News

The Section 809 Panel Workforce Town Hall scheduled for January 25th has been postponed indefinitely due to the lapse in government appropriation and cancellation of courses at Defense Acquisition University. When this event is rescheduled, you will receive a notification with a time and location along with any special considerations. The Panel values your opinions and will work diligently to reschedule this event to provide you a forum to comment on the future of defense acquisition.

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