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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. Also, be sure to read our January 2018 Volume 1 Report!

Expert Panel Takes First Crack at Reforming DoD Acquisition System

February 1, 2018 | Jared Serbu

The advisory panel Congress established to help streamline the Defense Department's acquisition system said Wednesday that DoD should be allowed to eliminate more than a dozen different legally-mandated offices and positions within its bureaucracy, cease the annual publication of at least 20 reports to Congress that are of questionable value, and repeal 165 government-unique contract requirements as some of the first steps toward bringing more agility to the department's procurement of goods and services.

The suggestions were among a sweeping set of recommendations the group of experts, known as the Section 809 Panel, made in the first volume of its final report following more than a year of study, public testimony and private interviews with government and industry personnel. It intends to send Congress two additional volumes within the next year.

The panel emphasized that removing the statutory requirement for certain DoD offices wouldn't necessarily eliminate them, but would give the Secretary of Defense the ability to reorganize the department as he or she sees fit. Some of the organizations the report targets for potential elimination: the Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight, the Office of Technology Transition and the office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis along with the executive agent for printed circuit boards and small business advocates within each of DoD's audit agencies.

Arguing that Congress' appetite for annual reports on a myriad of acquisition issues tends to be a burden that outweighs its benefits, the panel said lawmakers should at least temper the effects of those demands by passing new legislative language that automatically does away with every reporting requirement after five years. And the advisory group said two dozen of them should be done away with immediately because they are obsolete or redundant, including annual reports on integration of major satellite programs, procurement of equipment for reserve forces, cooperation with commercial space companies and cost estimates for the Ford Class aircraft carrier.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Advisory Panel Offers Congress New Blueprint for Acquisition Reform

January 31, 2018 | Tony Bertuca

DoD Implements Streamlining Awards for Innovative Technology Projects
January 31, 2018 | Sandy Hoe and Michelle Willauer

National Security Expert to Congress: US Not Ready for Warfare's Future
January 31, 2018 | Brandon Knapp

Trump, Pentagon Hope 2018 Sees More Foreign Militaries Buying American
January 31, 2018 | Perry Chiaramonte

Veterans Affairs Wasted Closer to $2 Billion On Failed IT Projects
January 31, 2018 | Frank Konkel

The Army is Working to Fix Problems With its New Handgun After Critical DoD Report
January 31, 2018 | Todd South

Countering Significant Cyber Threats? Check.
January 31, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Boeing Gets $6.6 Billion From Pentagon to Expand Missile Defense
January 31, 2018 | Anthony Capaccio

US Army Secretary Holds Germany to its NATO Spending Promise
January 31, 2018 | Sebastian Sprenger

Section 809 News

The Section 809 Panel is excited to release the January 2018 Volume 1 Report to the public! Read about our recommendations for topics such as marketplace framework, commercial buying, audit, defense business systems, EVM, services contracting, small business, statutory offices, and statutory reports. The Volume 2 Report will be released in June 2018, followed by Volume 3 (the final report) in January 2019. Share your thoughts and recommendations by submitting them on our website or emailing SEC809@dau.mil.

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