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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!

Section 809 Panel Proposes Big Cuts to Acquisition Red Tape

February 1, 2018 | Stew Magnuson

An advisory group empaneled to help streamline the Defense Department's moribund acquisition system proposed eliminating 165 government-unique contract clauses, 13 acquisition offices, and repealing 20 statutory reporting requirements that act as barriers to the procurement of commercial items for military use.

The Section 809 Panel — created by Congress in the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act — is on a two-year mission to find ways to improve Pentagon acquisition. The first of three volumes of recommendations was released Jan. 31, with the second expected in June and a final report in January 2019.

Volume 1 is "focused on accessing the seller, so we can get after whatever innovative technology they might offer to the warfighter before it is already obsolete," David A. Drabkin, one of the panel's 17 commissioners told National Defense.

The "Report of the Advisory Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations: Vol. 1," said, "The prolonged length of an acquisition by DoD indicates the existence of two problematic issues: a workforce culture beholden to process over mission and a system that lacks incentives to quantify lost opportunity and manpower costs."

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

The Pentagon's Acquisition Office is Gone. Here's What the Next 120 Days Bring.
February 1, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

DoD Memo Starts to Cleave its Acquisition Office in Half, Reassigns Workforce
February 1, 2018 | Scott Maucione

Here's How Ellen Lord Grades the Pentagon's Most Expensive Programs
February 1, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

Boeing Wins $6.6 Billion Deal to Support Missile Defense System, Build More Interceptors

February 1, 2018 | Jen Judson

Pentagon 'Can't Afford the Sustainment Costs' on F-35, Lord Says
February 1, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

DISA Has a New Director to Oversee $11 Billion in Technology Programs
February 1, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Automation Proves Useful for Agencies' Cyber Defense Strategies
February 1, 2018 | Jory Heckman

Joseph Petrillo: What Does it Mean to be a Small Business? [Audio]
February 2, 2018 | Federal Drive

GOP Leaders Don't Expect Another Government Shutdown, Even Without a Full Budget Plan
February 1, 2018 | Leo Shane III

India's Military Modernisation Programme Bogged Down by Bureaucrats, Dysfunctional Procurement Processes (*sic*)
February 1, 2018 | The Straits Times

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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