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SECTION 809 PANEL

# Daily Media Clips

**February 26, 2018**

*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.

**GSA says rule change will simplify Schedule buys, reduce proliferation of multiple-award contracts**
February 26, 2018 | Jared Serbu

The General Services Administration believes it's fixed at least one of the reasons behind a proliferation of overlapping indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) multiple award contracts across the government. Until now, there was no way for agencies to buy products and services from GSA's Schedules program while simultaneously getting the ancillary services and goods they might need to actually make use of them.

A change to the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR), published last month, lets agencies buy what are known as "order level materials" (OLMs) via the schedules themselves. Previously, officials said, acquisition often had to undertake two contracting actions if they wanted to buy ancillary services from the schedules.

For example, even if an agency found a great price for new office furniture from a Federal Supply Schedule vendor, installing it might have required an entirely separate contract. In another case, an agency might be able to use the schedules to hire an advertising firm to design a new marketing campaign, but would have to find another contract vehicle to pay TV stations for airtime.

Read more HERE.

## Other Articles of Interest

**RFIs are futile and other challenges with government, industry communications**
February 23, 2018 | Jason Miller

**Pentagon R&D Funding Fell $4 Billion Short of Experts' Recommendations Last Year**
February 23, 2018 | Jack Corrigan

**The Pentagon shifted $20 billion from OCO to base budget. Here's what it included.**
February 24, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

**Three steps the Pentagon can follow to move away from legacy applications**
February 24, 2018 | David Stephens

**Acquisition Disruption – Innovative Concepts In Government Contracting**

February 23, 2018 | Tina D. Reynolds and Victoria Dalcourt

**New $64M fund will give US Air Force squadrons chance to spearhead tech projects**
February 24, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

**Trends Affecting Government and Society: Strategic Plan 2018-2023**
February 2018 | GAO

**Air Force giving $64 million to squadrons next week to spur innovation**
February 23, 2018 | Scott Maucione

**Raj Shah exits DIUx**
February 23, 2018 | Adam Mazmanian

**Austin Wants to Use Blockchain Technology to Help the Homeless**
February 23, 2018 | Karen Hao

**GSA Negotiates New Enterprise License Agreement for Governmentwide Savings on Software**
February 23, 2018 | GSA

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## Section 809 News

Professional staff and team lead Jen Taylor discusses the 50 Worst Campaign on this month's Bold Bites Podcast. How does the system slow you down? What regulations do more harm than good? What statutes have seen their time come and go? Help us identify the 50 WORST regulations, laws, and policies that frustrate you and must go: https://section809panel.org/50worst/.

LISTEN!

Check out the Section 809 Panel January 2018 Volume 1 Report.

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