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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.

New GSA Administrator Seeks to Shine Light Where the Shadows of Federal Procurement Live

February 7, 2018 | Jason Miller

The General Services Administration is exploring how it can add more transparency to the procurement process, particularly with its $35 billion schedules program.

Since its inception, GSA's schedules program has been hidden behind a wall where only vendors with a contract could see the solicitations and awards. The lack of transparency about what happens on those "members-only" contracts has frustrated good government groups, the media and vendors who aren't on the contracts, but may want to join.

So GSA Administrator Emily Murphy, who was confirmed by the Senate about two months ago, has made transparency one of her four goals and is seeking not just an agency solution to this challenge, but one that would work governmentwide.

"It was one of the first conversations I had with the Office of Management and Budget. I've had conversations with the Office of Governmentwide Policy. I've had conversations with the Office of General Counsel and the Federal Acquisition Service. They are looking at all of it and are supposed to coming back to me with options on we can try and be more transparent," Murphy said in an exclusive interview with Federal News Radio. "I think this needs to be addressed not just in the microcosm of the GSA schedules. If we are looking at task orders, we need to be looking across government and making sure we are not disadvantaging the schedules program versus other programs, and we are not putting our vendors or our customers at a competitive disadvantage. At the end of the day, it's their data."

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Inside DoD, the Customer is Speaking Loudly

February 6, 2018 | Stan Soloway

Pentagon: Afghan War Costing US $45 Billion Per Year

February 6, 2018 | Matthew Pennington

What 'Buy America' Looks Like at an Overseas Air Show

February 6, 2018 | Caroline Houck

DOD Issued a $7 Million Cloud Support Contract To a Company With One Employee
February 6, 2018 | Frank Konkel

Mattis: Year-Long Continuing Resolution Would Threaten Troops' Pay
February 6, 2018 | Tara Copp

Congress Isn't Punished Enough for Budgetary Failures
February 6, 2018 | Jessie Bur

OMB's User Guide to the MGT Act
February 6, 2018 | Chase Gunter

More Firings May Not Lead to Better Results
February 6, 2018 | Jeff Neal

It's About Time Agencies Stop Paying Dead People, Legislators Say
February 6, 2018 | Steff Thomas

Job Automation Will Hurt Women First But Will Ultimately Hurt Men More
February 6, 2018 | Eshe Nelson

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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