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Daily Media Clips

February 27, 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

OMB: Taxpayers still gain more than they pay from federal regulations [Audio]
February 27, 2018 | Eric White

Alan Chvotkin: Future of regulations affecting federal contractors [Audio]
February 26, 2018 | Federal Drive

US defense-industrial base study team on target to make recommendations, DoD official says
February 26, 2018 | Joe Gould

With another shutdown deadline on horizon, senators seek budget process reform
February 26, 2018 | Jory Heckman

2 DHS procurements show how innovation is happening in government

February 26, 2018 | Jason Miller

Is DISA getting innovation by using OTA for new background investigation system?
February 26, 2018 | Jason Miller

Air Force Seeks Space Tech R&D Proposals
February 26, 2018 | Ramona Adams

The strengths & weaknesses of the cloud
February 26, 2018 | Federal Tech Talk

David Hawkings: Congress is back. What's next? [Audio]
February 27, 2018 | Federal Drive

Agencies Increasingly Need Help With Complex Professional Services Contracts
February 23, 2018 | Aaron Boyd

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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