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SECTION 809 PANEL

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.

JEDI cloud acquisition strategy: Continuing confusion, unmitigated uncertainty

March 9, 2018 | Roger Waldron

On March 7th, the Department of Defense (DoD) held its Joint Enterprise Defense Initiative (JEDI) Cloud Industry Day and released its draft JEDI Cloud Request for Proposals (the RFP). DoD announced, and the draft RFP reflects, a single-award IDIQ approach to execute a contract lasting up to 10-years for potentially billions of dollars in IT infrastructure services.

This approach is being proffered notwithstanding the fact that there exists a statutory and regulatory preference for multiple award IDIQs versus a single award IDIQ, and FAR 16.504 requires DoD to document its decision/rationale for a single award (which, from our perspective, should be made public).

The RFP calls for what appears to be an IT infrastructure solution built on the cloud. Specifically, it seeks "enterprise-level, commercial cloud services as Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) and Platform as a Service (PaaS) to the U.S. Department of Defense and related mission partners." According to the RFP, "the JEDI Cloud service will be offered at all classification levels, across the home front and to the tactical edge, including disconnected and austere environments, and closed loop networks." The SOO further states that its purpose "is to enable the acquisition of modern, enterprise-level cloud services in support of Department related missions and projects from a Cloud Service Provider (CSP) with an existing, large, globally available public offering."

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