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SECTION 809 PANEL

# Daily Media Clips

**March 2, 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. Have a great weekend!

## Impact of Section 809 panel findings on defense contractors

February 28, 2018 | Andrew Wagner

The Section 809 panel report recently sent to Congress suggested some major changes to the way the Defense Department is managed. These potential changes are aimed at streamlining the acquisitions process. Some of the ideas are to eliminate offices and to change the definition of "commercial items."

"The report talks in depth about the different definitions of commercial that are out there. In the industry we've seen it a lot. There's one definition and another definition somewhere else. It can be confusing. They are really talking about standardizing that definition," said Eric Crusius, partner at Holland & Knight. "When they made the definition of commercial, it was really to exempt a lot of government contracting clauses from those procurements that were commercial, but there have been a lot of clauses that have been laid on to that."

While attempts to court non-standard contractors have resulted in some minor success, Crusius says they're not enough.

Read more HERE.

## Other Articles of Interest

**In upcoming pilot, Navy to test delivery of new IT capabilities to ships within 24 hours**
March 1, 2018 | Jared Serbu

**The case for innovation: Let's broaden Other Transaction Authority**
March 1, 2018 | Richard Beutel

**Cyber Command nominee: attacks must come with a cost**
March 1, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

**OMB Names Who Will Divvy Up Modernization Funds**
March 1, 2018 | Jack Corrigan

**DoD's Chief Management Officer Takes Position**
March 1, 2018 | AF Tech. Sgt. Chuck Broadway

**Pentagon Official Says U.S. Hypersonic Weapons Research Underfunded**
March 1, 2018 | Sharon Weinberger

**Meet the 7 leaders who will be steering modernization dollars**
March 1, 2018 | Derek B. Johnson

**NGA previews acquisition overhaul**
March 1, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

**Jonathan Morse: CMS works with VA to help reduce improper payments [Audio]**
March 2, 2018 | Federal Drive

**HR managers want fewer regs, more tech to make hires**
March 1, 2018 | Chase Gunter

**It took agencies an average of 106 days to hire new employees in 2017**
March 1, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

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## Section 809 News

Listen to this month's Bold Bites Podcast about the *50 Worst! Campaign*.

Read the Section 809 Panel January 2018 Volume 1 Report.

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