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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.

How the US can put its OTA procurement process to best use
March 26, 2018 | Tim Greeff

There is a right way and a wrong way to do rapid acquisitions for the U.S. military. And the recent debacle over a $950 million internet cloud contract to an Amazon partner, later dramatically cut back by the Pentagon, underscores the wrong approach.

The contract made use of an innovation in federal procurement called other transaction authority, or OTA, which is designed to jump-start the slow weapons- and technology-buying process and rapidly develop prototypes for assessment by the military services. OTA-funded projects are vital to helping U.S. forces maintain their technological edge by allowing the military to tap into companies and universities not typically interested in working with excessively bureaucratic government agencies.

Oracle filed a protest with the Government Accountability Office, calling the cloud computing contract "an egregious abuse" of a streamlined acquisition process that was "shrouded in secrecy." The opacity of the procurement left it open to charges of perceived favoritism. In the end, the Department of Defense slashed the contract — to no more than $65 million — and scaled back the scope.

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Other Articles of Interest

Does a new association to promote digital innovation have Amazon's fingerprints all over it?
March 26, 2018 | Jason Miller

DoD IG: $3.1 billion in funding to Afghanistan improperly managed
March 24, 2018 | Kyle Rempfer

GSA IG investigating SAM.gov site fraud
March 23, 2018 | Carten Cordell – Read SAM Update on GSA Website

5 ways the 2018 omnibus promotes IT modernization, cybersecurity
March 26, 2018 | Jason Miller

Trump defends $1.3T spending plan, points to military gains
March 25, 2018 | Ken Thomas

Defense R&D Gets a Huge Boost Under the 2018 Omnibus
March 23, 2018 | Jack Corrigan

Congress passes $1.3 trillion budget measure, finally resolving FY18 budget fights
March 24, 2018 | Leo Shane III and Joe Gould

Google Cloud Targets Federal Government
March 23, 2018 | Frank Konkel

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