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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.

Pentagon seeks 'governance' model for increasingly popular OTAs
March 29, 2018 | Justin Doubleday

The Pentagon wants to govern the use of other transaction agreements so they're not misused without stymieing the speed and flexibility of the increasingly popular contracting method, according to a Defense Department official.

As part of the reorganization of the Pentagon's acquisition arm, DOD officials want to ensure there is the "appropriate governance around new or enhanced authorities," according to Ben FitzGerald, director of the office of strategy and design for the undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment (A&S)….

David Drabkin, chairman of the Section 809 Panel, says industry's concerns are valid.

"If we're going to change the process, it ought not to discriminate between one company and the next, except on their ability to perform and the value they offer," Drabkin said during the March 27 acquisition event in Washington.

Drabkin said the only reason DOD is using OTAs now is to get around the federal acquisition regulations. His Section 809 Panel has been tasked by Congress to find ways to streamline and improve the defense acquisition process.

"I don't think the government, for sure I don't think the department, is served by the expansive use of OTAs," Drabkin said. "What we need to do is fix the system so every company can play and they know what the rules of the game are when they come to the table."

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Other Articles of Interest

HASC to debate '19 defense policy bill
March 29, 2018 | Joe Gould

Boeing says no impact to military aircraft business after WannaCry cyberattack
March 29, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

Pinks and greens uniform gets nod from the chief of staff; Army's top enlisted soldier looking

at costs
March 29, 2018 | Meghann Myers

US Air Force aims to lower F-35 sustainment costs to that of an F-16
March 29, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

Patriot Missiles Are Made in America and Fail Everywhere
March 28, 2018 | Jeffrey Lewis

Pentagon No. 2 focused on fiscal accountability
March 29, 2018 | Tony Bertuca

The Most Important Self-Driving Car Announcement Yet
March 29, 2018 | Alexis Madrigal

Switzerland dedicates funds for missile, fighter jet procurement
March 29, 2018 | Pierre Tran

Shulkin's Firing Leaves $16B Effort to Merge DoD/VA Health Records Up In The Air
March 29, 2018 | Frank Konkel

UK releases extra funding, but military relevancy challenges remain
March 29, 2018 | Aaron Mehta and Andrew Chuter

Design and Acquisition of Software for Defense Systems
February 2018 | DoD Defense Science Board

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