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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.

Smarter acquisition of defense business systems prioritizes results over reviews
April 4, 2018 | Nick Tsiopanas, Section 809 Panel

The current defense acquisition system is notoriously slow and clunky. It is especially challenging for defense business systems (DBS), the workhorse information technology systems that run the Department of Defense's business functions such as finance, logistics, contracting and human resources.

For many years the programs intended to transform the DoD's business functions were managed in much the same way as weapon systems programs, using a deliberate serial process model, even though large DBS programs mainly rely on commercially based software solutions rather than building new capabilities from scratch.

This mismatch between the capability being acquired and the acquisition process used to acquire it meant that improvements to business operations were slow to materialize while DBS costs continued to grow. More than a decade of reform efforts aimed at improving DBSs have instead produced a complex and sluggish bureaucracy that impedes the DoD's ability to act decisively, adopt the latest commercial solutions to deliver business capabilities, or apply an agile approach.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Army's new 30-day acquisition process for cyber capabilities isn't just about OTAs [Audio]
April 5, 2018 | Jared Serbu

The Marines and Air Force want the Army's new handgun. Who else is next in line?
April 4, 2018 | Todd South

Disruption is Necessary to Change Government
April 4, 2018 | Steve Goodrich

Google employees protest Pentagon AI program
April 4, 2018 | Brandon Knapp

How artificial intelligence went from an advantage to a worldwide threat
April 4, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

The cost of new GPS programs jumped $930 million last year
April 4, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Google Staffers Demand End to Work on Pentagon AI project
April 4, 2018 | Michael Kan

Check Out The Crazy New Tech NASA Is Investing In
April 4, 2018 | Caitlin Fairchild

Report: DoD Major Weapons Procurement Cost Estimate to $1.92T
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