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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.

Pentagon creates new position to help guide software acquisition, F-35 development
April 14, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

The Defense Department is creating a new position to help formulate its software strategy and ensure that the Pentagon keeps pace with commercial advancements — and his most important job will be overseeing the F-35 joint strike fighter's agile software strategy.

During a Friday roundtable with reporters, Ellen Lord, the undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment, announced that she has tapped Jeff Boleng to the newly created position of special assistant for software acquisition.

Boleng, currently the acting chief technology officer at Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute, will start April 16 as a member of Lord's team.

"Jeff Boleng will spend over 90 percent of his time on F-35. He is going to be the individual who is working amongst all of the groups to enable us to bring the right talent onboard," Lord said.

"We have a challenge, I think both within the JPO [F-35 joint program office] as well as Lockheed Martin, in terms of getting a critical mass of contemporary software skill sets to begin to move in the direction we want to."

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Blockchain, automation and learning to love your legacy systems
April 13, 2018 | Troy K. Schneider

7 ways a task force wants DoD to improve IT acquisition
April 14, 2018 | Amber Corrin

DOD Official Says It Won't Halt Other Cloud Contracts Because of JEDI
April 13, 2018 | Frank Konkel

Trump administration outlines roadmap to modernizing federal workforce
April 13, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

‘How in the world are taxpayers paying for Alfa Romeos and Bentleys?’ Senator pushes Army leaders on Afghan contracts
April 15, 2018 | Kyle Rempfer

Report: Jeff Boleng Named DoD’s Special Assistant for Software Acquisition
April 16, 2018 | Jane Edwards

Class Deviation – Micro-Purchase Threshold, Simplified Acquisition Threshold, and Special Emergency Procurement Authority
April 13, 2018 | Office of the Under Secretary of Defense

Class Deviation – Threshold for Obtaining Certified Cost or Pricing Data
April 13, 2018 | Office of the Under Secretary of Defense

Section 809 News

It is time for another Bold Bites Podcast! This month's Bold Bites Podcast is about our workforce in the DoD acquisition system. Our special guest is Commissioner Ross Thompson of Team 10: Workforce. Ross discusses how the DoD recruits, retains, develops, and manages the acquisition workforce, and what his team is going to recommend. LISTEN!

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