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SECTION 809 PANEL

Daily Media Clips

April 23, 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.

Military seeks faster cyber acquisition turnaround

April 23, 2018 | Rutrell Yasin

The U.S. military is employing a mixture of procurement contracts and innovative practices to speed up the acquisition of defensive and offensive cyber technology as the volume and intensity of cyber attacks and threats against government agencies — both civilian and Defense — continues to rise.

Cyberspace is a warfighting domain that is critical to ensuring the military's capability to operate going forward. The concept of operations for defensive cyber is complex because capabilities are dispersed across the battlespace and must continually adapt to evolving threats. The capabilities must protect data, networks and net-centric operations as well as be interoperable with other IT and software-dependent systems, according to Lt. Col. Scott Helmore, director of the Army Defensive Cyber Operations office (DCO).

Traditional requirements, funding, development, production and fielding of capabilities usually span years. However, technology is advancing so rapidly, and cyber threats are becoming so much more sophisticated, that cyber weapons and tools can become obsolete within months after deployment. As a result, Army DCO is looking to reduce the acquisition process to 30 days.

"In general, technology is changing every 90 days. So, if your contract process takes 60 to 90 days to do, by the time you order the contract, it has already been subsumed by another technology," Helmore said.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Threats to federal IT supply chain growing bigger, more serious

April 23, 2018 | Jason Miller

Technology Modernization Fund Board Picks First Projects

April 22, 2018 | Aaron Boyd

Commentary: Soldiers must own their development as leaders, or risk Army readiness

April 21, 2018 | Maj Tim Devine

Defense Department is Pursuing Another Multibillion-Dollar Cloud
April 20, 2018 | Frank Konkel

Speed Must Accompany Innovation, Pentagon Official Tells Senate
April 18, 2018 | Jim Garamone

The state of the GovCon market [Audio]
April 20, 2018 | Amtower Off-Center

Report: Many Feds Don't Believe the Hype About Emerging Tech
April 20, 2018 | Jack Corrigan

Challenge-Based Acquisition
April 2018 | The MITRE Corporation

Blockchain Slashes US Govt. Contract Award Time From 100 To 10 Days
April 15, 2018 | Stefaan Verhulst

Section 809 News

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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