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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.

Commentary: Congress must act to rein in DoD waste, red tape
April 24, 2018 | Rep. Mac Thornberry

Last month, Congress reversed the decline in military funding after years of budget cuts forced our troops to do too much with too little. Congress must now ensure these funds are spent wisely. That means reforming outdated Pentagon bureaucracies to bolster agility, cut red tape and ensure more cost-effective use of taxpayer money.

Since 2015, Congress has worked to improve the Defense Department, reforming how goods and services are purchased, increasing accountability in the acquisition of major weapons systems, improving the military health care system and modernizing military retirement. Together, these reforms will save billions of dollars. Still, there is more to do.

This year, I am proposing reforms to agencies within DoD known as the "fourth estate." These organizations, 28 of which I have identified for some level of reform, do not report to a military service and have proven difficult to manage or oversee. However, they have enormous bureaucratic influence on day-to-day operations. They account for approximately 20 percent of DoD's budget and 25 percent of its workforce.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Cloud Data to Give Warfighters Edge to 'Dominate' in Battlefield, DoD Official Says
April 24, 2018 | Lisa Ferdinando

JEDI cloud contract 'fair and open' competition, Shanahan says
April 24, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

Roxana Tiron: How would proposed DoD cuts affect contractors? [Audio]
April 25, 2018 | Federal Drive

How the Pentagon can better leverage commercial tech
April 24, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

DoD Seeks to Make Civilian Agencies More Productive, Efficient
April 24, 2018 | Jim Garamone

Shanahan: DoD's JEDI is a 'pathfinder' for future DoD cloud computing contracts
April 24, 2018 | Scott Maucione

JEDI Will Be Just One of Many Clouds, Says Pentagon's No. 2
April 24, 2018 | Frank Konkel and Marcus Weisgerber

What DIUx can learn from drones flying over prisons
April 24, 2018 | Kelsey Atherton

How Sharing Could Accelerate Reform
April 24, 2018 | Steve Goodrich

Why Syria may be the most aggressive electronic warfare environment on Earth
April 24, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

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