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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.

Why is a House panel trying to get rid of one of DoD's most successful offices
May 1, 2018 | Scott Maucione

A House Armed Services Committee aide said the subcommittee wants DoD to scale SCO's "magic" to broader applications, which is why it's pushing to downgrade the office.

"This is designed to think about the 'What's next' aspect of SCO and to think about also taking what SCO has done in terms of culture and making sure that is spread across the services. That's in conjunction with the other transaction authorities (OTA) that have been provided," the aide said.

OTAs are agreements that circumvent the defense acquisition regulations resulting in faster acquisition with fewer rules businesses have to follow.

The aide said it's still up for debate whether SCO's culture, speed and innovation can be broadened to DoD acquisition as a whole.

Blume says expecting SCO's agility to permeate into all of DoD is a fool's errand.

"SCO doesn't scale … You can't apply that to the DoD acquisition enterprise writ large because someone has to develop the new stuff from scratch. The reason SCO is so agile is because they are working with systems where the vast majority of the technological risk has already been retired. But you can't apply that to the parts of the acquisition enterprise that are in charge of retiring all that technological risk in the first place," Blume said.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

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May 1, 2018 | Roger Waldron

OPM's Pon pushing for major civil service changes, from retirement to veterans preference
April 30, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

NDAA markup includes slew of new cyber provisions

April 26, 2018 | Lauren Williams

Algorithmic Warfare: AI — A Tool For Good and Bad
April 30, 2018 | Yasmin Tadjdeh

Freedom: The God of Modern War?
May 30, 2018 | Youri Cormier

GSA's mega telecom contract receives 'Best-in-Class' designation
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A group representing 80 technology companies is asking Congress to intervene in the Pentagon's JEDI contract.
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