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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.

Defense Authorization May Include Changes Sought by Contractors

May 02, 2018 | Sam Skolnik*

Thornberry's discussion drafts, released in mid-March, offer a range of regulatory streamlining plans for the Defense Department. Though they may be revised, they are expected to be incorporated through the May 9 markup of the initial 2019 NDAA House bill. The Senate has yet to introduce its version of the legislation.

Thornberry got several of his ideas from recent reports by the Section 809 Panel—a committee responsible for making suggestions about simplifying the defense acquisition process—and the General Services Administration. The GSA is implementing the 2018 NDAA's e-commerce portal provision that will enlist online marketplace companies like Amazon.com Inc. and W.W. Grainger Inc. to sell goods to federal agencies.

Thornberry is also hoping to repeal about 100 of what he sees as outdated legal provisions in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations regarding defense acquisition, as well as 12 statutory requirements that allow for several small offices inside the DOD's acquisition framework, including units such as the Office for Foreign Defense Critical Technology Monitoring and Assessment, and the Defense Logistics Agency Advocate for Competition.

The fact that Thornberry adopted many of his recommendations from an 809 Panel report makes sense, said Allen, the former president of the Coalition for Government Procurement, a nonprofit association of commercial contractors.

"The 809 Panel has spent significant time talking with commercial companies about why they don't sell to DOD, with too many rules being a large part of the reason," he said. "Dialing back the rules on commercial item acquisition increases participation and innovation and gets solutions into the hands of war fighters more quickly. A 'win-win-win.'"

*Article found in Bloomberg Government**

Other Articles of Interest

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May 01, 2018 | Josh Kerbel

Here's how intelligence will take advantage of machine learning and AI
May 01, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Bid Protests at GAO: A Descriptive Guide
May 01, 2018 | GAO

Futures Command, coming this summer, needs a leader and a base
May 01, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

Accelerating Innovation in Government: DOD, Dr. Tim Hoyt
May 01, 2018 | Billy Mitchell *(Video)*

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