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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.

****Special Note*** The Daily Media Clips will be taking a day off tomorrow, May 4th, but will return with a roundup of the best news affecting defense acquisition on Monday, May 7th, 2018. Enjoy your upcoming weekend.*

Good morning! We found several articles that you may be interested in.

Intelligence agencies rethinking how to buy data from new Earth imaging companies

May 02, 2018 | Sandra Erwin

There are at least 30 companies today that are operating Earth observation satellites or have announced their intentions to do so. "Not all will make it," noted Jeff Tarr, former CEO of DigitalGlobe.

The ones that do break out of the pack will be partly due to government contracts. The National Geospatial Intelligence Agency is a giant buyer of commercial data. In the coming months, the responsibility for the procurement of satellite imagery will be taken over by the National Reconnaissance Office.

The House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces in its mark of the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act asks intelligence agencies to explain their buying strategy. "The acquisition of commercial imagery should take advantage of a broad swath of U.S. industry capabilities by contracting with several providers to leverage high-resolution providers, global coverage, high revisit rates and cost-effective services that are rapidly emerging within industry," said the subcommittee bill.

Officials are working on a plan to transition commercial imagery acquisition from NGA to NRO in fiscal year 2019. The committee wants the directors of both agencies to brief defense and intelligence committees on the details by August 1. The bill calls for an "open and fair competitive acquisition process to leverage industry capabilities, including but not limited to plans following the EnhancedView contract."

Read more here.

Other Articles of Interest

Could America's Cyber Competitors Use Blockchain for Their Defense?

May 03, 2018 | Wilson VornDick

McCain book: US should consider cyberattack to punish Putin
May 03, 2018 | Joe Gould

What do Marines want in their next drone? Everything
May 02, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

You May Have to Wait 2 Years to Get That Security Clearance
May 03, 2018 | Lindy Kyzer

Senators worry WH innovation office promotes cronyism
May 02, 2018 | Jessie Bur

How a 'culture shift' at SBA got program offices to embrace evaluations
May 02, 2018 | David Thornton

Texas Is Building a Killer App for Killing Bureaucracy
May 02, 2018 | Mitch Herckis

Blockchain Can Protect the Supply Chain
May 01, 2018 | Lt. (j.g.) Henry Bond

What the Pentagon is learning from its massive machine learning project
May 02, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

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