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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.

We found several articles that you may be interested in. Have a great weekend!

IG: DoD made $500M in questionable payments to contractors working in Afghanistan [Audio]
May 18, 2018 | Eric White

The Pentagon's inspector general said poor oversight led to at least a half billion dollars in questionable payments to contractors hired to do work in Afghanistan. The IG audit looked at payments under the Army's LOGCAP program between 2015 and 2017. It found the Defense Department routinely reimbursed contractors for the expenses they claimed without examining their supporting documentation. Among the examples in the report: One contractor claimed more than $2,000 for state-side convenience store purchases. Another charged the government $195,000 for one employee's work in a single pay period. (Department of Defense)

The Veterans Affairs Department signed its long-awaited contract with Cerner Corporation for a new electronic health record. The contract has a ceiling of $10 billion for 10 years. Cerner will help VA deploy MHS Genesis. It's the same electronic health record that the Defense Department is currently deploying. Acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie described the deal as one of the largest IT contracts in the federal government. The VA announcement comes nearly a year after VA had first announced his intention to adopt the Cerner system. (Federal News Radio)

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Other Articles of Interest

Military not giving small business subcontractors a fair shake, DoD IG says
May 17, 2018 | Scott Maucione

With electronic warfare, the Army needs to move fast, even with broken things
May 17, 2018 | Kelsey Atherton

The Army is learning by doing to keep pace in electronic warfare
May 17, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

VA Signs $10 Billion Health Records Contract With Cerner
May 17, 2018 | Frank Konkel and Heather Kuldell

Army mulls pause in JRSS migration
May 17, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

GSA takes the long view on shared services
May 16, 2018 | Mark Rockwell

Emily Murphy: GSA Plans to Restructure Contract Vehicles to Reduce Duplication
May 17, 2018 | Jane Edwards

Are People Who Don't Use Facebook More Productive?
May 17, 2018 | Sarah Kessler

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