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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.

Getting under the hood of the FITARA 6.0 scorecard to find true IT reforms

May 29, 2018 | Jason Miller

The sixth version of the Federal IT Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) scorecard wasn't pretty. If Congress took away most agencies' iPhones and grounded them for a week, it wouldn't be surprising.

The committee released the grades last Tuesday and brought two of the agencies that are struggling with FITARA — the Defense and the Agriculture departments — out to the woodshed to answer for their bad grades.

In all, five agencies saw their grades go up — the departments of Transportation, Labor, Energy and Health and Human Services and the National Science Foundation — while eight agencies stayed the same.

Meanwhile, 11 agencies saw their grades go down, most noticeably the U.S. Agency for International Development, which went from the only "A-" to a "C-" partly because it said its chief information officer doesn't report directly to the administrator or deputy administrator.

The committee added that metric and how agencies are implementing the Modernizing Government Technology Act to the scorecard as well as tested out a new cybersecurity metric based on agency inspector general reports and CIO self-evaluations to this latest version of the FITARA scorecard.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Defense Collaboration Services serving as guinea pig for MilCloud 2.0
May 29, 2018 | Scott Maucione

The normal evolution of technology
May 28, 2018 | Federal Tech Talk

Questions remain on $10B JEDI cloud contract
May 25, 2018 | Roger Waldron

Trump's top Army appointee wants faster innovation. Can his service make it happen?
May 28, 2018 | Dan Lamothe

Senate moves to empower Pentagon's policy chief as enforcer
May 26, 2018 | Aaron Mehta and Joe Gould

China vows to boost 'combat readiness' after U.S. sails two warships near South China Sea islands
May 28, 2018 | Jesse Johnson

OPM takes first step toward employee digital records with blockchain
May 25, 2018 | David Thornton

Senate Defense Bill Aims to Scrub Cyber Adversaries from U.S. Military Tech
May 25, 2018 | Joseph Marks

How to Connect Cyber Investment to Outcomes
May 25, 2018 | Richard P. Tracy

Adherence to Best Practices Is Needed to Better Manage and Oversee Business Programs
May 2018 | GAO Report

#Reflections on Leadership: Teamwork, Tone, and Tenacity
May 26, 2018 | Paul Becker

Section 809 News

On this month's Bold Bites Podcast, Lt Col Sam Kidd provides us with information about topics such as Title 10, how to understand U.S. Code, and the complexity of this topic. Listen to this informative podcast to learn more about U.S. Code and the recommendations being considered here at the Section 809 Panel.

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