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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.

Aiming to speed procurements, DoD wants to reduce data demands on contractors

May 7, 2018 | Jared Serbu

As part of a broader effort to speed up its acquisition of major weapons systems, the Pentagon says it wants vendors to take no more than two months to develop their final proposals. But to do that, officials say they need to reduce the volume of detailed, written pricing justifications they demand from those same firms.

Defense acquisition officials have set a goal of reducing the acquisition process for major systems to a year, down from the current average of 2 1/2. First though, DoD says it needs Congress to provide some relief from the Truth in Negotiations Act. Under that law, most acquisitions worth more than $2 million require contractors to submit certified data about their underlying costs and prices to help the government assess whether it's getting a good deal.

It's a paperwork-intensive process, and it takes time. Too much time, said Shay Assad, DoD's director of procurement and acquisition policy.

"Presently, we have one major weapon system that's taken 21 months to get to a proposal," he said at a recent contracting conference hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army. "I don't know how you can do anything quickly if it takes 21 months to get a proposal. So what we've asked Congress to allow us to do is to tailor the TINA requirement. What we want to be able to do is sit down with a company and say, 'OK, let's talk about whatever it is we're buying. Tell me about the actual information or data that you have, the estimates that you have related to this particular product, and let's agree on that data set as being the cost and pricing data that you're going to have to certify."

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