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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.

Version 4.0: The unfinished business of DoD acquisition, sustainment
June 25, 2018 | Frank Kendall

My unfulfilled ambition prior to leaving the Pentagon, where I served as undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics, was to launch a fourth round of acquisition improvement initiatives focused on the sustainment phase of program life cycles (where the bulk of costs are realized) and the sustainment enterprise in general. Sustainment was one of two areas that I recommended to my successor, Ellen Lord, for major efforts at improvement (the other was modernizing Department of Defense enterprise software development).

The three rounds of Better Buying Power, implemented from 2010 to 2016, included many initiatives focused on sustainment, including in general a large number focused on more effective management of all contracting for services, and specifically items such as increased use of performance-based logistics contract incentives and improved management of intellectual property rights — so as to provide for competition during sustainment.

What might Better Buying Power 4.0 have added to the list, and what might any sustainment improvement effort, however labeled, consist of? Here are a few ideas — and some cautionary considerations.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Congress Lays Out Tech Funding in Spending Bills and Focuses on Supply Chain Threats
June 25, 2018 | Joseph Marks

Mattis Lands in China for First Pentagon Chief Visit Since 2014
June 26, 2018 | Bloomberg News

Federal Acquisition Regulation: Special Emergency Procurement Authority
June 26, 2018 | DoD, GSA, and NASA

How industry helps shape the Army's emerging tech
June 25, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

The Army Is Spending Half A Billion To Train Soldiers To Wage War Underground

June 25, 2018 | Matthew Cox

Future US Navy weapons will need lots of power. That's a huge engineering challenge.
June 24, 2018 | David B. Larter

Mattis declares vigilance to be the best cyber defense
June 25, 2018 | Justin Lynch

China Just Blew The US Navy's Electromagnetic Railgun Out Of The Water
June 25, 2018 | Jared Keller

The Corps' modernization efforts are costing millions in base upgrades
June 25, 2018 | Shawn Snow

How the Navy can lean in to software superiority
June 25, 2018 | Andrew C. Jarocki

Government's Fast-Buying Service Takes Shape With First Customer
June 25, 2018 | Anne Laurent

The Army is most excited about these 3 capabilities
June 25, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

This Is How Dramatically China's Beating the U.S. in its Share of Supercomputers
June 25, 2018 | Echo Huang

What you need to be reading and watching to become an AI thought leader
June 25, 2018 | Daniel Cebul

US Army's signature logistics system completes full-system deployment
June 25, 2018 | James P. McDonough

Can Congress finish its VA budget plan before the October deadline?
June 25, 2018 | Leo Shane III

Britain to school industry, government on foreign defense dealings
June 25, 2018 | Andrew Chuter

Is It Time for Commercial Companies to Give DOD a Second Look?
June 22, 2018 | Eric A. Aaserud and Julia M. Fox

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It's a big week for the Section 809 Panel! We are releasing the June 2018 Volume II Report on Thursday at 5 p.m. Be sure to check our website for updates and to read the report.

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