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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.

GAO Decision Threatens US Military Dominance; Reject It
June 27, 2018 | Bill Greenwalt

It hasn't attracted much attention but a seemingly minor quasi-judicial ruling is a prime example of how our acquisition system serves as a means to self-inflicted unilateral disarmament.

Unless senior leadership in the Defense Department acts in the next few weeks, this Government Accountability Office's (GAO) protest decision in favor of Oracle and against the Army and Transportation Command will ensure that China will dominate the future military application of quantum computing, artificial intelligence and machine learning, data analytics, biotechnology, robotics and autonomous operations. Even before the recent GAO ruling the odds were daunting that the Pentagon could pursue the right policies to compete and win in what is now the arms race of the 21st century. Unless the Defense Department engages, those odds just got perilously worse.

Why would such a seemingly mundane judgment have such a wide-ranging impact? In one fell swoop, this decision kills DoD's ability to access Silicon Valley and the rest of leading edge commercial innovators in the US and the free world. While it may not be obvious to many, the only way for the U.S. to compete with China in the next decade will be to harness the engineering talent and the lead that the commercial market currently has in emerging technologies. To understand the significance of this, note that six out of the eight technologies identified in the National Defense Strategy as vital to future national security are being led by the commercial marketplace. To provide for its security the U.S. needs to find a way to partner and contract with commercial companies that until now would not work with the Pentagon because of its massive compliance requirements, its excruciatingly slow acquisition and contracting processes and the way it treats intellectual property.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Will $95B for R&D make its way to the final defense appropriations bill?
June 26, 2018 | Joe Gould

Foreign defense companies want in on US Army modernization efforts
June 26, 2018 | Jen Judson and Sebastian Sprenger

Here's how artificial intelligence could predict when your Army vehicle will break down
June 26, 2018 | Victoria Leoni

White House 'strongly objects' to Senate defense bill's ZTE provision
June 26, 2018 | Rebecca Kheel

Maintaining UK and US military relationship could cost Britain more than $10 billion a year
June 26, 2018 | Andrew Chuter

VA offers more details on the cost, timeline and plan for EHR modernization
June 26, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

How the DoD is synchronizing missile defense systems
June 26, 2018 | Adam Stone

DoD makes leadership change on cloud effort
June 26, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Tom Hessel: DoD describes 'significant shift' in civilian workforce plan [Audio]
June 27, 2018 | Federal Drive

'Underground' May Be the U.S. Military's Next Warfighting Domain
June 26, 2018 | Patrick Tucker

Now is the time for the Space Force. Trump just needs to get it right.
June 26, 2018 | David Ignatius

VA's Billion-Dollar Health Records Project Will Be Tracked by New House Subcommittee
June 26, 2018 | Heather Kuldell

Hacking Acquisition
June 21, 2018 | Nextgov Staff

Section 809 News

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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