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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.

It's time to fix our cloud procurement problems

June 4, 2018 | Michael Garland

While the future of IT isn't completely written, we do have the basic vocabulary -- and it starts with the word cloud. From a government perspective, however, do we know how best to buy cloud services and truly gain its economic advantage?

From an acquisition perspective, cloud offers a variety of unique problems for contracting officers. Firstly, a quick keyword search of "cloud" against the Federal Acquisition Regulation shows zero hits. The word simply doesn't appear.

Expanding the search to include all agency FAR supplements produces six references in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, and one reference in the Defense Information Systems Agency's addendum. These sparse references are all focused on security and advise contracting officers to be wary of security concerns. This lack of references in the FAR would be less problematic if cloud snugly fit into other procurement categories. Unfortunately, it does not.

Cloud is a particularly cagey item -- sometimes it feels like a product, and sometimes it feels like a service. And IT companies, looking to cash in on the branding cachet, are increasingly calling everything cloud, whether it fits the National Institute of Standards and Technology's technical definition or not. From an acquisition perspective, cloud is a bit of a mess.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Meet SOCOM's personal technology incubator
June 1, 2018 | David Thornton

With May come and gone, where's the JEDI Cloud RFP?
June 4, 2018 | Billy Mitchell

Wargaming with Athena: How to Make Militaries Smarter, Faster, and More Efficient With Artificial Intelligence
June 5, 2018 | Ben Jensen

Marine Corps Wants Forces in U.S. Ready to Surge for Major War
June 4, 2018 | Megan Eckstein

Are We Headed for a 'Cyber Cuban Missile Crisis' with Russia?
June 5, 2018 | Suzanne Kelly

DARPA to use Box for cloud collaboration
June 5, 2018 | Billy Mitchell

Two federal technology nonprofits become one
June 3, 2018 | Jessie Bur

Section 809 News

Lt Col Sam Kidd joined us for the Bold Bites Podcast to discuss Title 10, U.S. Code, and the complexity of this topic. Listen to this informative podcast to learn more about the recommendations being considered here at the Section 809 Panel.

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