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Daily Media Clips

July 18, 2018

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.

Pentagon Considering Major Acquisition Shakeup in Line with 809 Panel

July 17, 2018 | Jon Harper

The Defense Department is contemplating a major change in the way that acquisition programs are managed, a top Defense Department official said July 16.

The Section 809 Panel — an influential advisory group established by Congress in the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act — released a new report in June that raised the prospect of replacing the traditional program executive officer role with that of a "portfolio acquisition executive," and consolidating program element budgeting into one capability portfolio budget.

"Currently the department really doesn't manage its major weapon systems based upon capabilities," Section 809 Panel Chair David Drabkin told National Defense in a recent interview after the "Report of the Advisory Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations: Vol. 2," was published.

Read more HERE.

Congress can simplify commercial buying and increase government innovation

July 17, 2018 | Section 809 Panel Commissioner Larry Trowel

For decades Congress has demonstrated its deep interest in simplifying the federal government's ability to buy commercial products and services. It recognized that to solve government's most difficult problems, the government must have ready access to the innovative and rapidly evolving commercial marketplace. But the government's transactions in the commercial marketplace, which should be quick and easy, have gotten more complicated over the years, not less so. This is due in large part to the volume and complexity of government-unique contract terms and conditions.

Volume 1 of the Section 809 Panel report includes several recommendations for Congress' consideration that will truly simplify contracts for commercial products and services. Among other strategies, Recommendation 2 makes the case for Congress retaining the authority to determine the applicability of new government-unique requirements that are well-intended but burdensome, rather than delegating that authority to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council or the Department of Defense.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Revealed: The new structure for the Pentagon's tech and acquisition offices
July 17, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

Five contracting tweaks that have yielded 18F better procurements (thus far)
July 17, 2018 | Alla Goldman Seiffert, Rebecca Refoy-Sidibe, Mark Headd, Randy Hart, and Steven Reilly

Report: DoD Launches New Competitive Method to Buy 'Innovative' Commercial Tech, Services
July 18, 2018 | Jane Edwards

How a New Contracting Tool is Shaking Up Federal Procurement
July 17, 2018 | Stan Soloway

If Your Weapons Aren't Cyber-Hardened, Expect to Lose Pentagon Contracts
July 17, 2018 | Marcus Weisgerber

As OTAs grow, traditional contractors are reaping the benefits
July 17, 2018 | Scott Maucione

Federal Advertising: Contracting with Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Those Owned by Minorities and Women Has Increased in Recent Years
July 17, 2018 | GAO

White House Amends OMB's Circular A-11 to Boost Gov't Customer Experience
July 17, 2018 | Peter Graham

Critical Update: Rep. Will Hurd Explains Why Everyone Should Care About Government Tech
July 17, 2018 | Aaron Boyd

A New Study Compared Formal And Informal Communication at Work, And the Results Are No Fun
July 17, 2018 | Oliver Staley

Section 809 News

We have a new Bold Bites Podcast available for your listening pleasure: LISTEN!
Commissioner Joseph Dyer leads the team researching successful programs in defense acquisition. Characteristics of Successful Programs is identifying the attributes and qualities common to successful programs, with an eye toward techniques, tools, and practices that can be widely employed. The team will make recommendations for best practices, regulations, and statutes.

Be sure to check out the Section 809 Panel Volume 2 Report.

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