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SECTION 809 PANEL

# Daily Media Clips

**July 19, 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.

## Improved skills, communication among reasons federal acquisition workers are optimistic

July 19, 2018 | Jason Miller

In the 16 years the Professional Services Council has been conducting its survey of federal acquisition workers, rarely has optimism been a key finding or even a discussion point.

But in the 2018 Acquisition Policy Survey, PSC and Grant Thornton found contracting officers, contracting specialists, program managers and chief procurement officers are more positive about the state of federal acquisition than ever before.

"While we continue to see challenges in the workforce, this year's survey reflected a higher level of optimism about the ability of the government to execute its work and greater optimism about what's likely to come in the next two years," said Alan Chvotkin, senior vice president and counsel for PSC, during a press briefing yesterday. "The acquisition workforce is getting more seasoned. We are out of the 'bath tub effect' where there was a real drop in acquisition workers."

Chvotkin said a two- to three-year hiring spree to bring in more acquisition workforce across the defense and civilian agencies was successful.

Read more HERE.

## Optimism Amid Adversity: The 9th Biennial Professional Services Council Acquisition Policy Survey

July 2018 | PSC and Grant Thornton

Participants were asked which initiatives they viewed as having the greatest potential to disrupt "traditional" approaches to acquisition. While there was a diversity of opinion among participants, the most frequent answers were acquisition reform legislation and regulatory relief, reform, and streamlining, together accounting for about one third of responses. Several respondents pointed to the work of the Congressionally-chartered Section 809 Panel as a potential avenue for change.

Read more HERE.

## Other Articles of Interest

## Navy's cyber-focused OTA emphasizes two-way information exchange with industry

July 19, 2018 | Jared Serbu

**Initial cost for Trump military parade comes in at $12 million, DoD says**
July 18, 2018 | Tara Copp

**Army Leaders Look to Hollywood for Answers on Force Modernization**
July 18, 2018 | Matthew Cox

**Microsoft wants the government to regulate facial recognition technology**
July 18, 2018 | Kelsey Atherton

**US Navy asks Congress to shift millions of dollars to fix high-tech supercarrier**
July 18, 2018 | David B. Larter

**Reverse Auctions: Additional Guidance Could Help Increase Benefits and Reduce Fees**
July 18, 2018 | GAO

**Video: What's next for the F-35 program?**
July 18, 2018 | Defense News

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## 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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