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SECTION 809 PANEL

Daily Media Clips

July 2, 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.

809 Panel Chair: Final Report to Prescribe Sweeping Acquisition Reforms

June 29, 2018 | Jon Harper

In a June 29 interview with National Defense, the chair of the influential Section 809 Panel said industry and other interested parties can expect his group's final report to lay out sweeping changes in how the Pentagon does business.

Congress created the panel in the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act to find ways to improve a defense acquisition system that some observers have described as "broken."

The advisory group released June 28 its Vol. 2 report on streamlining and codifying acquisition regulations. The final report, Vol. 3, is expected to be released in January 2019.

"I'm pretty sure that there will be some changes to [contract award] protests and the protest process" in the final report, Section 809 Panel Chair David Drabkin told National Defense. "We haven't voted on it yet but we're going to discuss it. We've already got a paper among us" addressing the idea, he added.

Limiting the ability of companies to protest a contract award would surely find favor among defense officials who have complained about protests disrupting the progress of key programs.

The final report will also likely recommend "a huge increase" in the dollar value thresholds that apply to the use of simplified acquisition procedures for buying certain types of items, he said.

The current threshold is $7.5 million for a commercial item, and $150,000 for a non-commercial item, he noted.

"I think you're going to see a huge increase in the proposal on the dollar threshold that would cover those" readily available commercial items and commercial items that need slight modifications, Drabkin said. "We'll make the case I think that the risk in certain areas is so low to the government that the fact that we increased the dollar threshold doesn't in and of itself increase the risk" of buying the products, he added.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Advisory Panel Calls for DoD to Improve Acquisition Through Portfolio Mgmt Structure Adoption
June 29, 2018 | Jane Edwards

Pentagon's AI Surge On Track, Despite Google Protest
July 1, 2018 | Lara Seligman

Don't panic: Senate appropriators cut IT modernization fund for 2019
July 2, 2018 | Jason Miller

How to be an acquisition leader; Updating warships like Tesla; Hypersonic planes; and a bit more.
June 28, 2018 | Marcus Weisgerber

F-35 programme still struggling with acquiring spare parts
July 1, 2018 | Pat Host

Italy's new defense minister commits to F-35, butts heads with France
June 30, 2018 | Tom Kington

Israel To US: Don't Sell F-35s To Turkey
June 29, 2018 | Arie Egozi

Cyber Command moves closer to a major new weapon
June 30, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Section 809 News

In our Volume 2 Report, we cover topics such as enterprise capability portfolio management, operationalizing the Dynamic Marketplace concept, commercial source selection, the acquisition workforce, the Cost Accounting Standards Board, and services contracting. Additionally, you will see more information on decluttering Title 10 of the U.S. Code. READ!

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