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SECTION 809 PANEL

Daily Media Clips

July 31, 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.

How GSA is Helping Small Businesses Get Contracts Faster

July 30, 2018 | Jack Corrigan

Officials at the General Services Administration on Monday said a new pilot program will speed up the government's adoption of innovative technologies by helping companies in the Small Business Innovation Research program more quickly strike deals with federal agencies.

Last week GSA launched a pilot that would open up Assisted Acquisition Services to agencies and vendors in the third and final phase of the SBIR program.

Run by the Small Business Administration, SBIR is divided into three phases. The first and second phases focus primarily on research and development, and during the third, companies work to commercialize their products. Under the pilot, GSA would collaborate with both customer agencies and SBIR vendors to hammer out initial contracts. After the products become commercialized, GSA would work to make them more widely available across government.

Most of the 13 agencies involved in SBIR don't have specialists dedicated to finalizing phase three contracts, and delegating that responsibility to GSA would enable speedier deals and make products more widely available, said Mark Lee, assistant commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service Office of Policy and Compliance.

"Currently there isn't a shared services offering that provides assisted acquisition for SBIR contracts," Lee said in a conversation with reporters. "[The pilot] would be setting up that capability across government."

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

David Berteau: How beneficial is 2019 defense authorization for contractors? [Audio]

July 30, 2018 | Federal Drive

Faced with dearth of replacement part suppliers, Air Force aims to make itself more self-sufficient

July 31, 2018 | Jared Serbu

The state of procurement in 2018 [Audio]

July 27, 2018 | Roger Waldron

Pompeo: US will 'oppose' China's play for regional dominance
July 30, 2018 | Joel Gehrke

The US Air Force's top acquisition exec talks hypersonic prototypes and more
July 30, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

Japan is ready to ink a $1.2 billion contract with Lockheed Martin for missile defense systems
July 30, 2018 | David B. Larter

Congress says Pentagon must come up with boost phase missile defense plan next year
July 30, 2018 | Jen Judson

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July 30, 2018 | Daniel Brown

Supply Chain Cybersecurity a Major Legislative Priority for House Homeland
July 30, 2018 | Joseph Marks

Buying Commercial Products: Assessment of the E-Commerce Portal Implementation Plan
July 30, 2018 | GAO

Foreign Military Sales: Financial Oversight of the Use of Overhead Funds Needs Strengthening
July 30, 2018 | GAO

Rebuilding it ... Better, stronger, faster.
July 28, 2018 | Mike Gruss

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