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SECTION 809 PANEL

Daily Media Clips

August 1, 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.

Letter to the Editor: Correcting the record about OTAs

July 31, 2018 | Charlie McBride

The Defense Department spent nearly $21 billion on OTAs in the past three years, but who is bringing home the bacon? Read the Federal News Radio's exclusive report: Danger at High Speed: OTAs in Action.

As President of Consortium Management Group, Inc., which manages two large Other Transaction (OT) Authority consortia, I read with great interest Federal News Radio's two-part series addressing the growing use of OT Authority by program offices in the Department of Defense (DoD).

I commend Federal News Radio for undertaking an examination of an acquisition tool which, despite its long history, has only recently been actively embraced and utilized by the DoD as a path to more rapid acquisition and as a way to make it easier for non-traditional contractors to do business with the government.

Our two consortia — Consortium for Energy, Environment and Demilitarization (CEED); and Consortium for Command, Control and Communications in Cyberspace (C5) — have been operating under agreements with the government for several years, during which we have grown our total enrollment to more than 1,300 companies, nonprofits and academic institutions. By the end of this calendar year, we will have facilitated nearly $1.5 billion in prototype project awards to meet urgent mission needs of government program offices. We are proud of our process and our record, but we know that this tool could be put at great risk through careless or imprudent application — by a member, by another consortium or by the government.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Defense Contracts: Improved Information Sharing Could Help DOD Determine Whether Items Are Commercial and Reasonably Priced

July 31, 2018 | GAO

Cyber Command wants to partner with private sector to stop hacks

July 31, 2018 | Justin Lynch

The Secret Ingredient to China's Aggression? Sand

July 31, 2018 | Vince Beiser

Critical security measures government agencies are overlooking
July 31, 2018 | Kevin Pickhardt

Yes, North Korea Could Sink a Navy Aircraft Carrier. Here's How.
August 1, 2018 | James Holmes

White House's new R&D priorities include border tech, artificial intelligence and IoT
July 31, 2018 | Chase Gunter

Does JEDI's new 'pathfinder' designation suggest second thoughts about a single provider?
July 31, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

White House Sets Top Research & Development Priorities for 2020
July 31, 2018 | Jack Corrigan

GE wins $631 million U.S. defense contract: Pentagon
July 31, 2018 | Reuters Staff

India to spend $1 billion on advanced air defense system from US
July 31, 2018 | Vivek Raghuvanshi

Japan asks Russia to reduce military activity on disputed islands
July 31, 2018 | Reuters Staff

Data: Public Servants Are Older Than Almost Everyone In the American Workforce
July 31, 2018 | Ross Gianfortune

Section 809 News

Commissioner Joseph Dyer discusses characteristics of successful programs in our latest Bold Bites Podcast. LISTEN!

Read the Section 809 Panel Volume 2 Report.

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