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SECTION 809 PANEL

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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. Have a great weekend!

Stop Wasting Time So We Can Beat China: DoD R&D Boss, Griffin
August 9, 2018 | Sydney J. Freedberg

SPACE & MISSILE DEFENSE SYMPOSIUM: How much of a military-industrial rock star is Mike Griffin? Well, the former NASA director turned Pentagon R&D chief can call tell a room full of defense contractors and officials they're wasting everyone's money and time AND get a standing ovation.

"It is a good thing that we are a rich country, because poorer countries just could not afford to waste this kind of money," the undersecretary of Defense for research and engineering said here last night. "For the two-and-a-half years I have remaining as a political appointee in this job, I will be asking you, at every chance I get, to look at what we're doing and find ways to either eliminate it or shortcut it, because most of what you're doing, by definition, is not value added.

"And that sounds harsh," Griffin continued, "but the Chinese are testing (every few) months, and we're testing (every few) years. They are not inherently brighter or more skilled, nor do they work harder than we do, (but) they are not doing a lot of things that just do not need to be done. They are not consulting a lot of people who just plain do not need to be consulted." The audience burst into rueful laughter.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Defense Audit Provides Improved Accounting for Spending, Inventories
August 9, 2018 | Jim Garamone

Defense Agencies Continue Awarding Contracts to Suspended Firms, Report Finds
August 9, 2018 | Charles S. Clark

India's audit agency questions $2.13B deal with Boeing
August 9, 2018 | Vivek Raghuvanshi

Think Space Force is a joke? Here are four major space threats to take seriously
August 9, 2018 | Joe Gould

Federal CIO: 100 Percent of Agencies Classify Data As an Asset
August 9, 2018 | Aaron Boyd

Experiment over: Pentagon's tech hub gets a vote of confidence
August 9, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

Trump administration wants Space Force up and running by 2020 [Audio]
August 10, 2018 | Eric White

Fresh faces in Congress leading VA EHR oversight with new veterans subcommittee
August 9, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

No answers yet on cost, structure of Space Force
August 9, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

NIST pushes on next version of Risk Management Framework
August 9, 2018 | Mark Rockwell

Pentagon lays groundwork for Space Force to blast off in 2020
August 9, 2018 | Valerie Insinna and Tara Copp

Smart Use of Incentives Would Support Government Reform
August 9, 2018 | Howard Risher

Section 809 News

The Section 809 Panel is at the point in its work where all panel meetings involve discussions of, and voting for, final papers for inclusion in our Volume 3 Report (due 15 Jan 19). To allow for open and robust discussions among commissioners, the Panel has decided to close all of its sessions to the general public. At the end of each panel meeting, the Panel will allow the public, including the press, an hour to ask questions. If you are interesting in attending these sessions, please email us at sec809@dau.mil.

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