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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.

DoD's $10B cloud contract comes under protest 11 days after final RFP
August 7, 2018 | Jason Miller

It didn't take long for the Defense Department's $10 billion cloud contract to come under protest.

Oracle Corp. filed a pre-award complaint with the Government Accountability Office Monday, just 11 days after DoD released the final Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) solicitation.

Oracle says it's protesting DoD's rationale for making JEDI a single award contract. Under the 2008 Defense Authorization Act, DoD must issue a determination and findings (D&F) to explain its reasoning for using a single award task or delivery order contract approach that's worth more than $112 million.

"The technology industry is innovating around next generation cloud at an unprecedented pace and JEDI virtually assures DoD will be locked into legacy cloud for a decade or more. The single-award approach is contrary to industry's multi-cloud strategy, which promotes constant competition, fosters innovation and lowers prices," said Oracle spokeswoman Deborah Hellinger in an email. "The DoD seeks to procure so-called 'commercial services' that are wholly inconsistent with the commercial sector, and the determination and findings falls far from meeting the rigorous legal standards required for a single award contract."

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

The Pentagon Could Save Billions of Dollars by Fixing Problems It Already Knows About
August 7, 2018 | Eric Katz

Agencies encouraged to improve grant spending transparency [Audio]
August 8, 2018 | Federal Drive

JEDI cloud contract receives first protest
August 7, 2018 | Jessie Bur

2019 budget bills unlikely from Congress before FY 2018 ends, but Senate going to try [Audio]
August 7, 2018 | Federal Drive

DISA's new chief of staff to focus on mission partners
August 7, 2018 | Maddy Longwell

Oracle Protests Pentagon's JEDI Cloud Contract
August 7, 2018 | Frank Konkel

'Modest decrease' in amount of contractors debarred or suspended last year [Audio]
August 8, 2018 | Eric White

Are we missing the forest with IT modernization?
August 7, 2018 | Alan Balutis

The next step for the Army's network? The cloud
August 7, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Here's a look at the Army's new enterprise cloud strategy
August 7, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Job Loss From AI? There's More To Fear!
August 7, 2018 | Kiran Garimella

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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