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Daily Media Clips

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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.

Agencies want standard survey for acquisition feedback

August 8, 2018 | Mark Rockwell

The Defense Department, the General Services Administration and NASA want to amend federal acquisition rules to set up a survey form that contractors could use to provide voluntary feedback on how well federal agencies handle their contracts and solicitations.

The agencies opened up a comment period July 26 to potentially amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation to set up a standardized survey that allows contractors, whether or not they received a particular contract award, to rate an agency's pre-award and debriefing processes.

The process was initially advanced in 2015 by Anne Rung, the then-administrator of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). Rung, who now works for Amazon, had said the "Acquisition 360" review process would be the first feedback tool that would allow agencies to identify weaknesses in their acquisition processes, including pre-and post-award activities, as well as post-award debriefings.

The 2015 draft survey's 15 questions cover the gamut of acquisition activity, from development processes, solicitation phase to award debriefings. The agencies said responses to that initial questionnaire helped form the Myth-busting 3 memo issued in January 2017 by acting OFPP Administrator Lesley Field.

Last November, Field said the 2015 Acquisition 360 pilot was being expanded, but it has been limited by Paperwork Reduction Act, which looks to lighten the paperwork burden the federal government puts on private businesses and citizens, as well as by formal procedures agencies must follow when they're asking for public input.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

GSA's 18F innovation hub touts 5 areas of success [Audio]

August 9, 2018 | Federal Drive

Government will spend billions in the next 2 months; here are 3 places they should spend it

August 8, 2018 | Jeff Neal

Blockchain prototype promises 'complete transparency' between CDC, health providers
August 9, 2018 | Jory Heckman

UK reports massive uptick in defense exports
August 8, 2018 | Andrew Chuter

Get Ready for a Massive Government Spending Spree
August 8, 2018 | Frank Konkel

The latest from Capitol Hill [Audio]
August 8, 2018 | Mike Causey

"Playing to win" in the GovCon market [Audio]
August 9, 2018 | Mark Amtower

Dave Powner audits the state of federal IT
August 7, 2018 | Derek B. Johnson

Space-Based Missile Defense Can Be Done: DoD R&D Chief Griffin
August 8, 2018 | Sydney J. Freedberg

Social media use is booming in Congress. That has implications for the rest of government
August 8, 2018 | Chase Gunter

Can Training in Critical Analytic Thinking Improve Job Performance?
August 2018 | Tom Nutile

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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