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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.

Washington to finally focus on threat to supply-chain risk management
August 28, 2018 | Ernesto Digiambattista

Policymakers in Washington have recently begun to consider measures that take aim at supply-chain risk management (SCRM). The disconcerting reality, however, is that they are already behind the curve, as the status quo for SCRM is not keeping pace with today's dynamic threat landscape.

Washington needs to show urgency in addressing cybersecurity concerns because they have largely been neglected for so long. Reluctance to commit adequate resources to security has created the vulnerable environment we now inhabit, and continuous and proactive approaches to security, versus periodic and reactive, can no longer be overlooked.

Rhetoric must also finally translate into discernible change. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Defense (DoD), the Intelligence Community (IC), and other agencies have coordinated a program to collectively address SCRM, but the program only has two full-time employees. Acknowledging a clear issue that should have been addressed long ago is vital, but even more so is tangible action such as reasonable funding and adequate staffing. The Trump administration's calls to give every civilian agency the same authorities as the Department of Defense, as well as for the establishment of a Federal IT Security Council and Critical IT Supply Chain Risk Evaluation Board, is a welcomed and much needed approach for increasing resources for cybersecurity. With China, Iran, and Russia developing increasingly sophisticated technologies focused on hacking our critical infrastructure, policymakers must act with urgency to combat such threats. Opting to continue down a decentralized path would be reckless. Centralizing risk assessment, as advised by the DHS and DoD, is one way in which government agencies can finally transition from outdated, splintered modes of protection to a state of the art, coordinated approach to SCRM.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

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August 27, 2018 | Jason Miller

OMB putting a twist on applied research to solve federal management challenges
August 27, 2018 | Jason Miller

New document lays out American military's early cyber struggles

August 27, 2018 | Justin Lynch

Return of fires: How the Army is getting back to its big guns as it prepares for the near-peer fight
August 27, 2018 | Todd South

Early returns on GSA's EIS contract, IT modernization is not in play
August 27, 2018 | Jason Miller

Can the US tell when its weapons are used in Yemen? It's complicated
August 27, 2018 | Aaron Mehta and Joe Gould

India is one step closer to spending billions on new naval helicopters from US, allies
August 27, 2018 | Vivek Raghuvanshi

Deliver Uncompromised: A Strategy for Supply Chain Security and Resilience in Response to the Changing Character of War
August 2018 | Chris Nissen, John Gronsager, Robert Metzger, and Harvey Rishikof

What Does a Chinese Superpower Look Like? Nothing Like the U.S. [Bloomberg- may need login]
August 27, 2018 | Marc Champion

China's Newest Aircraft Carrier, 'Type 001A,' Reportedly Begins Sea Trials
August 28, 2018 | NPR

September Dinner Meeting: How the Air Force is Saving Billions with Category Management
August 2018 | NCMA

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