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SECTION 809 PANEL

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.

Project management vs. product management

August 29, 2018 | Steve Kelman

A big barrier to developing product management in the government is that the government has a very difficult time recruiting talented people with these skills as career feds. The time-limited stint model may be the only practical way for the government to get talent with those skills. (The same goes for skills as software developers.)

The post notes, a bit gingerly, that "many people in today's technology workforce aren't drawn to a long-term career service role in government. " The authors added that "they do want to have an impact and work on something they care about. And what better place to do that than in government?"

Part of the reason for this reluctance to take a long-term government career relates to general trends among younger people, who assume they will have five or more jobs in their careers and can't imagine the traditional government model of joining the government at the entry level and staying there for life. But the post glides over another important problem the government has, which is salaries that are much lower than in the private tech industry.

This is an issue I have blogged about many times over the past decade, as early as 2006. The time-limited stint is central to the recruitment models of both USDS and 18F, though 18F seems to be generally limited to one or two two-year stints while USDS is more flexible.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

'We are getting left behind'
August 17, 2018 | Bryan Bender

Washington's Fall Agenda: Lawmakers near finish line on defense appropriations
August 30, 2018 | Ellen Mitchell

Navy Making Room for Railguns in Next Warship, But No Extra Investments
August 29, 2018 | Megan Eckstein

How Much is Enough? Matching Ends with Means at the Pentagon

August 30, 2018 | Frank Hoffman, Molly Dinneen

Army Futures Command: $100M, 500 Staff, & Access To Top Leaders
August 29, 2018 | Sydney Freedberg Jr.

Key open gov deadline nears with no public action
August 29, 2018 | Alex Howard

Tech policy reviews will start in September, Suzette Kent says
August 29, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

The Civil False Claims Act & OTAs
August 29, 2018 | Marcia Madsen

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