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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.

U.S. Cyber Command looks to grow its acquisition capacity

September 13, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

The Defense Department's newest combatant command is nearly a decade old but still doesn't steer its own acquisitions. That could change in fiscal 2019, however, as U.S. Cyber Command staffs up its contracting office and seeks a bigger acquisition budget.

"Acquisition authority is limited at the moment. It's capped at $75 million and has a sunset date, currently, of 2021," said Stephen Schanberger, command acquisition executive for U.S. Cyber Command during a panel at the Billington Cybersecurity Summit Sept. 6. "So the command is actively pursuing getting that increased on the ceiling amount as well as the sunset date."

Cyber Command has only had acquisition authority for two fiscal years, but Congress extended that authority through 2025 in the fiscal year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. That advances the authority four years from the original sunset date of 2021.

Cyber Command awarded only one contract in fiscal 2017, Schanberger said, partly because it lacked a contract writing system and technical personnel to get things done. Things improved this year with $40 million in contract awards and Schanberger expects to reach the $75 million cap sometime in 2019.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Lawmakers approve deal to keep government open until December
September 13, 2018 | Chase Gunter

Army uses unconventional challenge process to advance data science for electronic warfare
September 13, 2018 | Jared Serbu

Quantum lag: Experts fret that the U.S. risks falling behind in computing power
September 13, 2018 | Chase Gunter

Pentagon set to win first on-time budget since 2008
September 13, 2018 | Joe Gould

How to win funds and modernize technology

September 13, 2018 | Derek B. Johnson

Conference report for DoD, Labor and Education spending approved; Stopgap funding deal on the table
September 13, 2018 | Amelia Brust

No shutdown at VA: Congress passes department's budget on time
September 13, 2018 | Leo Shane III

Here's how the Army is grooming and elite cadre of (electronic) cyber soldiers
September 13, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Status of the Technology Modernization Fund remains unknown [Audio]
September 14, 2018 | Eric White

An update on the clearance job market [Audio]
September 14, 2018 | Fed Access

In Cyberwar, There are no Rules
September 12, 2018 | Tarah Wheeler

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