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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.

Air Force Busts Out Credit Cards To Buy High Tech Gear
September 19, 2018 | Paul McLeary

The Pentagon has been trying for years to replicate the speed of Silicon Valley-style startup culture, with only sporadic — and limited — success.

But the Air Force says it's doubling down on the effort, and is looking to start using government credit cards to buy small amounts of gear from tech firms that don't have much interest in forming long-term relationships with the government.

The Air Force can be an "angel investor" for some startups, said Will Roper, the service's top acquisition official (and former head of the Pentagon's Strategic Capabilities Office).

"The benefit is huge because it finally pulls startups into orbits around our program offices," Roper told reporters at the Air Force Association conference on Tuesday. "Even if round one of their product isn't ready, they're aware of us as an angel investor. We're not trying to have them work for the government. We just want their products to make sense for us."

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Other Articles of Interest

Defending Forward: The 2018 Cyber Strategy is Here
September 20, 2018 | Nina Kollars and Jacquelyn Schneider

JEDI: One Year in the Pentagon's Push for a Revolutionary Cloud
September 2018 | Heather Kuldell and Frank Knonkel

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has some advice for the Air Force
September 19, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

DOD's new cyber strategy stresses election security, embraces commercial IT
September 19, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

DARPA contract aims to design circuits in months, not years
September 19, 2018 | Brandon Knapp

Shanahan: cybersecurity will become new measure for industry
September 19, 2018 | Aaron Mehta

NAVSEA: New Pentagon Strategy Putting Pressure on Private, Public Maintenance Yards to Deliver Ships on Time
September 19, 2018 | Sam LaGrone

Air Force has plan to grow its force, but not how to pay for it yet
September 19, 2018 | Eric White

Members Find Billions Beneath Pentagon Couch Cushions
September 17, 2018 | John M. Donnelly

Obscure Pentagon Fund Nets $2B, Sets Pork Senses Tingling
September 18, 2018 | John M. Donnelly

Metrics Are for Playmakers
September 19, 2018 | Howard Risher

Air Force Wants Startups to See it as Their 'Angel Investor'
September 18, 2018 | Yasmin Tadjdeh

Summary: DoD Cyber Strategy 2018
September 18, 2018 | DoD

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