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SECTION 809 PANEL

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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.

Section 809 Panel Viewpoint: Time to Declutter, Reorganize Acquisition Code

September 21, 2018 | Cathleen Garman, Sam Kidd, and Eric Valle

The provisions of law related to defense acquisition codified in Title 10 of the United States Code are a mess. While acquisition reform has become a perennially popular legislative effort, "reform" has frequently meant enacting more new laws rather than reorganizing the laws we have.

Congress enacted no less than 265 acquisition-related provisions in the National Defense Authorization Acts for fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018, codifying many of them in Title 10. But few people know how to sort through the cluttered code to find them.

When Title 10 was codified in 1956, the drafters did not anticipate where the growth would take place. Part IV of Subtitle A, "Service, Supply, and Procurement," houses most of the acquisition statutes, and the house is full and in disarray. Lasting positive effects of ongoing reform efforts like those coming from the Section 809 Panel will be limited without a coherent, organized and transparent structure in which to integrate recommended legislative changes. In the immortal words of The Doors, "The time to hesitate is through."

Read more HERE.

How to be a Top Federal Disruptor

September 20, 2018 | Shayne Martin

Disruption is going to happen whether we like it or not. The modern lexicon puts the descriptor of disruptor on equal footing with the innovator. Over the past few decades, most of contemporary life has been disrupted, sometimes for worse, but often times for much better outcomes. You're probably reading this article on a super-computer you can hold in your hand and video chat with anyone anywhere in the world. If I would have told my grandfather this, he'd ask me if I'd gotten into his liquor cabinet.

The likes of Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Snapchat, etc., have completely disrupted how we share and consume information. Mobile devices change how we conduct our daily activities ranging from dating to banking. These fundamental shifts in technology force many organizations to radically redesign everything about their business models and processes.

But there is one holdout that will be dragged into disruption kicking and screaming. It's your federal government.

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