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DOD Advisory Panel Established to Improve Defense Acquisition Regulations.

The Department of Defense announced the establishment of the Advisory Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations, as directed by Congress in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

This independent panel, established by the Secretary of Defense, under sponsorship of the Defense Acquisition University and the National Defense University, is to conduct a thorough and independent assessment of acquisition regulations applicable to the Department of Defense. Deidre Lee, former Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy and former Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Administrator, is leading the 18-person panel which will assess regulations and associated laws to determine which are essential and which slow down the process unnecessarily. In addition to exploring possible regulation changes, the panel will also look for approaches to defense acquisition that are working well and should be expanded.

Section 809 of the 2016 NDAA tasks the panel with reviewing existing acquisition regulations and finding ways to streamline and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the defense acquisition process and maintain a defense technology advantage. The panel has two years to develop recommendations to amend or repeal regulations they determine necessary in order to:

- Establish and administer appropriate buyer and seller relationships in the procurement system
- Improve the functioning of the acquisition system
- Ensure the continuing financial and ethical integrity of defense procurement programs
- Protect the best interests of the Department of Defense
- Eliminate any regulations that are unnecessary for the purposes described

The panel will produce interim reports throughout the two-year period with a final report issued to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional defense committees in the third quarter of 2018. The panel members will seek input from a wide variety of experts and practitioners from the Department of Defense and the commercial sector. Additionally, they will solicit public comment on specific policies and practices through their website, www.dau.mil/sec809. The website will host information such as meeting and interview schedules, interim reports and information about the panel members.

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Further information about the Advisory Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations may be found at their web site at <http://www.dau.mil/sec809/default.aspx>.

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