A Primer on Law and Policy for Small Business: Roadmap of the Congressional Process and Executive Agency Rulemaking Session

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Primer on Law and Policy - Topics

- Law, regulation, policy

  How does it all fit together?

- Legislative forecasts

  e-commerce portals, Section 809

- Pentagon restructure into A&S + R&E

- How to stay up to date – research resources
Law, Regulation, Policy: How does it fit together? What’s the process?

Legislation: NDAA

Regulations: FAR, DFARS, AFARS

Policy Memoranda and Directives

Follow the law or follow the regulation? Statute or FAR?
Law, Regulation, Policy: How does it fit together? What’s the process?

Statute → Regulation → Policy

NDAA → FAR → DFARS

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Example: Similarly Situated Entities


*Our mantra is “We wait for the FAR”*
Legislative Forecast: Commercial products and the e-commerce portals

- portals, *plural*
- what model?
- small business “credit”
Legislative Forecast: Section 809

- quotas
- innovation
- Defense Small Business Act?
- expansion of SBIR and RIF
Pentagon Restructure: February 2018!

USD (Acquisition and Sustainment)
The Honorable Ellen Lord

USD (Research and Engineering)
The Honorable Michael Griffin

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Our Favorite Research Resources

CQ, Wifcon, Federal Register, GPO, ESD

What are YOUR favorite gold mines?