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Articles published by the media since our last issue

Management & Governance

[Lutnick's talk of government stake in defense industry draws questions -- and skepticism](#) (*Inside Defense*)

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick sparked questions across the U.S. defense sector today when he said senior Pentagon officials are considering taking a government stake in top U.S. defense companies, following a similar move to acquire a near-10% stake in chipmaker Intel.

Organization & Alignment

[New Jersey lawmakers cry foul over Army PEO restructuring plan](#) (*Inside Defense*)

The Army is weighing a plan to consolidate its acquisition offices that is ruffling the feathers of New Jersey lawmakers who say the proposal will harm rather than help the service's munitions procurement and will cripple Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, which oversees that work.

Resourcing & Financial Management

[Can Congress pass a FY26 defense budget this year? Here are 12 key issues for lawmakers](#) (*Breaking Defense*)

As Congress returns from August recess, Breaking Defense examined how each defense committee is looking at a dozen major programs, from Golden Dome to F/A-XX to the cancellation of the E-7 Wedgetail.

Acquisition

[DOD IG Reports Inefficiencies in Handling of Continuing Resolutions for Acquisition Programs](#) (*ExecutiveGov*)

A recent [report](#) found that the Department of Defense is not effectively managing acquisition programs operating under continuing resolutions.

[Taking down JCIDS is the right move. What comes next will be crucial.](#) (*Defense News*); [Pentagon terminating JCIDS process as part of larger acquisition reform: Memo](#) (*Breaking Defense*); [DoD dismantles decades-old JCIDS in joint requirements process overhaul](#) (*Federal News Network*); [Pentagon Ends JCIDS in Major Requirements Reform](#) (*MeriTalk*)

The Department of Defense has scuttled the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS). In a [memorandum](#) signed on 20 August, Defense Secretary Hegseth and Deputy Secretary Feinberg directed the “disestablishment” of JCIDS as part of an effort to streamline and accelerate acquisition.

Faster Capabilities For Warfighters With Dual Defense Acquisition *(Forbes)*

As the Second Trump Administration prepares the defining document for defense strategy, its National Defense Strategy, there is no problem more important than acquisition reform since this determines how fast capabilities get to our warfighters.

Healthcare

Defense Health Agency offers voluntary buyouts as part of workforce reduction effort *(DefenseScoop)*

DHA leadership has “authorized Network Directors to offer the Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment or VSIP” options to interested personnel, an agency official told DefenseScoop on 18 August.

Logistics

New CNO vows new ‘engine of naval dominance’ *(Defense One)*

Readiness starts at “the foundry”—the U.S. Navy’s shipyards, training centers, shore facilities, weapons production lines, and logistics networks—the incoming chief of naval operations said Monday at the Washington Navy Yard.

Data & Information Technology

IG: Air Force not doing enough to obtain IP and data rights *(Inside Defense)*

The Air Force needs to do more to ensure it is obtaining intellectual property and data rights for contractor-made weapon systems if it wants to maintain technological superiority and preserve security interests, the [Pentagon's watchdog reported](#).

DOD’s IT agency zooms in on secret cloud for strategic partners *(Defense One)*

The Defense Information Systems Agency is focused on delivering classified, cloud-based mission partner environments in the Indo-Pacific region.

Pentagon reductions set back critical AI-data platform *(Defense One)*

After users flocked to Advana, DOD’s AI office laid out a plan to keep it growing. Then came DOGE.

How AI can accelerate defense acquisition and help U.S. forces keep pace with technology *(Federal News Network)*

By helping to accelerate procurement workflows, AI can begin to close the gap between the pace of acquisition and the speed of innovation.

Human Resources

DLA revolutionizes performance award processing *(Defense Logistics Agency)*

The Defense Logistics Agency reached a milestone in modernizing human resources operations with the full deployment of the HR Award Tool.

Risk Management

Katie Arrington Issues Memo on DOD ICT Supply Chain Risk Management *(ExecutiveGov)*

Katie Arrington, a previous Wash100 awardee who currently performs the duties of the Department of Defense's chief information officer, has released a memorandum to help DOD better manage risks facing its information and communications technology supply chain.

Performance Management

None this month
