

The Section 800 Panel, officially known as the Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations, was established by the U.S. Congress in 1991 to review and make recommendations for streamlining and improving the federal government's acquisition laws and regulations. The panel was named after Section 800 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991, which authorized its creation.

The panel was composed of experts from government, industry, and academia and was tasked with reviewing and recommending changes to the federal government's acquisition regulations, including those related to defense procurement. The panel's focus was on reducing bureaucracy and unnecessary regulations, promoting efficiency, and encouraging competition in federal procurement.

The Section 800 Panel's recommendations led to the creation of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994, which implemented many of the panel's recommendations, including:

1. Simplifying and streamlining the acquisition process by reducing bureaucracy and unnecessary regulations.
2. Encouraging greater use of commercial practices and technologies in federal procurement.
3. Promoting competition in federal procurement to improve efficiency and reduce costs.
4. Improving the acquisition workforce's knowledge and expertise in federal procurement.

The FASA and other reforms based on the Section 800 Panel's recommendations helped to streamline and modernize the federal government's acquisition process, making it more efficient and effective. The panel's work continues to influence federal procurement policies and regulations to this day.