

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

**Defense Innovation Board (DIB) Information Session
May 9, 2024 8:00AM-9:00AM EDT
Virtual Session**

DIB Participants: Ryan Swann

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External Participants: Members from Northrop Grumman

Purpose: Information gathering session for the Incentives report

Session Summary:

The session discussed several key areas. Innovation Constraints were identified as overly restrictive requirements and the rise of fixed pricing, which stifles innovation, especially for prime entities. Acquisition Reform was suggested to focus on capability-specific requirements rather than overly specific ones. Modernizing Doctrine was suggested to reflect changing strategies. Lastly, the need for top-tier U.S. talent to drive innovation and progress was emphasized.

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