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At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 8. DEVELOPMENT OF PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATIVE LEAD TIME.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall develop, make available for public comment, and finalize—

(1) a definition of the term “Procurement Administrative Lead Time” or “PALT”, to be applied Department of Defense-wide, that describes the amount of time from the date on which a solicitation is issued to the date of an initial award of a contract or task order of the Department of Defense; and

(2) a plan for measuring and publicly reporting data on PALT for Department of Defense contracts and task orders above the micro-purchase threshold.

(b) REQUIREMENT FOR DEFINITION.—Unless the Secretary determines otherwise, the amount of time in the definition of PALT developed under subsection (a) shall—
(1) begin on the date on which a solicitation is issued for a contract or task order of the Department of Defense by the Secretary of a military department or head of a Defense Agency; and

(2) end on the date of an initial award of the contract or task order.

(c) Deviation From PALT Milestones.—The Secretary may deviate from current PALT milestones as the Secretary determines necessary, to develop the definition of PALT under subsection (a).

(d) Coordination.—In developing the definition of PALT, the Secretary shall coordinate with the senior contracting official of each military department and Defense Agency to determine the variations of the definition in use across the Department of Defense and each military department and Defense Agency.

(e) Use of Existing Procurement Data Systems.—In developing the plan for measuring and publicly reporting data on PALT required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider, to the maximum extent practicable, relying on the information captured by the Federal procurement data system established pursuant to section 1122(a)(4) of title 41, United States Code (or any similar or successor system).