

# CBDAIF Filtration Sector Report

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# *Weapons System Reform Act of 2009 – Trends and Issues – Filtration Sector*

- “Idea is great... but implementation is not ideal”
- Consensus is that the act “slows things down”
  - Does not necessarily accelerate getting products in the hands of the warfighter
- Private investment and creativity are hampered by:
  - Higher technology readiness requirements at proposal phase
    - Drives the necessity for industry investment, putting smaller niche players with limited \$\$\$ at a disadvantage
  - Open competition at more phases of the program
    - Less investment by industry due to funding uncertainties
    - Less risk / innovation taken by contractors with their designs
  - Scope documents written too broadly

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- More cautious look by industry at committing resources with a more uncertain future
- Concern that the perception of a level playing field isn't maintained if an incumbent supplier is awarded the follow-on contract.
  - May inadvertently drive behavior to favor a new supplier for follow-on work.