

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0515

NOTICE OF HEARING

September 27, 2016

11:00 A.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations

FROM: Crescent Hardy, Chairman

DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

The Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations will meet for a hearing titled, *Opportunity Rising: the FAA's New Regulatory Framework for Commercial Drone Operations*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building**.

Until recently, commercial operations of unmanned aircraft in the national airspace system were authorized only on a case-by-case basis by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In June, the FAA issued a final rule that permits civil operations of small unmanned aircraft systems (those weighing less than 55 pounds), and the final rule became effective on August 29, 2016. The commercial unmanned aircraft industry is expected to grow rapidly over the next several years, and the opportunities for small businesses are projected to be significant. The Subcommittee will examine the final rule, its implementation, and other issues to be addressed as the FAA works to safely integrate unmanned aircraft into the national airspace system.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 26, 2016 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Viktoria Z. Seale, Senior Counsel to the Committee, at 202-225-5821.