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U.S. House of Representatives

Committee on Small Business

2361 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515-6515

## NOTICE OF HEARING

October 10, 2013

10:00 A.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

**TO: Members, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce**

**FROM: Richard Hanna, Chairman**

**DATE: Thursday, October 3, 2013**

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The Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce will meet for a hearing titled, *Bungling Bundling: How Contract Bundling and Consolidation Remain Challenges to Small Business Success*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 10, 2013 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Unjustified contract bundling and consolidation remain among the greatest challenges to small businesses wishing to compete in the federal marketplace. The Committee has a long history of oversight with respect to contract bundling, and during the 112th Congress, the Committee successfully reported H.R. 4081, the Contractor Opportunity Protection Act of 2012. When several separate, smaller contracts are combined into one unnecessarily large contract, it keeps small businesses from even submitting an offer, which limits competition. While in some cases the benefits of bundling and consolidation justify this procurement strategy, in others it simply limits competition. This hearing will look at how the government is complying with the current laws on contract bundling and consolidation, the extent to which bundling and consolidation continue to pose challenges for small firms, and whether additional legislation is necessary.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has any questions, please contact, Emily Murphy, Senior Counsel to the Committee, at 202-225-5821.