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Committee on Small Business
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NOTICE OF HEARING

October 27, 2015

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

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce

FROM: Richard Hanna, Chairman

DATE: Tuesday, October 20, 2015

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce will meet for a hearing titled, "Maximizing Mentoring: How are the SBA and DoD Mentor-Protégé Programs Serving Small Businesses?" The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Mentor-Protégé programs are intended to partner small businesses with established mentors in order to improve the protégé's ability to win and successfully perform on contracts and subcontracts. The hearing will examine: (1) how the Small Business Administration (SBA) is implementing changes made to its mentor-protégé and the mentor-protégé programs of civilian agencies by section 1347 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, (Pub. Law No.111-240), and section 1641 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. Law No.112-239); (2) how the SBA and the Department of Defense (DoD) measure the effectiveness of mentor-protégé relationships; and (3) whether there are opportunities for increased collaboration between the SBA and DoD programs. The hearing will also review prior findings of the Government Accountability Office that encouraged post agreement tracking of mentor-protégé relationships.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015, at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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