

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6515

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**November 1, 2011**

**1:00 P.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building**

**TO: Members, House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce**

**FROM: Mick Mulvaney, Chairman**

**DATE: Tuesday, October 25, 2011**

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House Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce will conduct a hearing entitled *Protecting Small Business Contracting: Leadership Challenges at Four Cabinet-Level Agencies*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:00 P.M. on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The hearing will address the failure of the Departments of Agriculture, Justice, State and Treasury to comply with Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act, and the consequences of that failure for small businesses. Section 15(k)(3) requires that the Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization "be responsible only to, and report directly to, the head of such agency or to the deputy of such head," but the agencies in question have been found by the Government Accountability Office to not be in compliance. In early August 2011, Chairman Mick Mulvaney requested that the four agencies explain the steps they were taking to bring themselves in compliance, but the four agencies declined to make substantive changes. The Subcommittee will hear from the Deputy Secretaries of the four aforementioned agencies.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, October 31, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please call Emily Murphy, Senior Counsel for the Committee, at x55821.