

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6315

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**February 9, 2012**

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

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

**FROM: Mick Mulvaney, Chairman**

**DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2012**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce will meet for a hearing entitled *Construction Contracting: Barriers to Small Business Participation*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on February 9, 2012, in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The hearing will specifically address the following areas that often limit small businesses' ability to effectively compete for federal government construction projects: 1) the exclusion of construction from the contract bundling definition; 2) the effectiveness of SBA's surety bond program; 3) the prime contractor's slow payment to subcontractors; 4) the subcontracting credit for prime contractors past the first tier subcontractor; 5) the problems with the sealed bid selection method when awarding construction contracts; and 6) the use of locality preference on construction contracts.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please call Julia Wise with the Committee, at x55821.