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Committee on Small Business
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NOTICE OF HEARING

March 19, 2015

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

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce

FROM: Richard Hanna, Chairman

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2015

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce will meet for a hearing titled, "*Contracting and the Industrial Base III: Reverse Auctions, Verification and the SBA's Role in Rulemaking.*" The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

As discussed during the February 12, 2015 Small Business Committee hearing, "*Contracting and the Industrial Base,*" and the March 17, 2015 Contracting and Workforce Subcommittee hearing, "*Contracting and the Industrial Base II,*" while the percentage of dollars awarded to small businesses has been increasing over the past four years, the participation of small businesses is declining. This reflects that fewer small businesses are winning contracts, but those contracts are worth more, which may indicate a weakness in the industrial base. To continue examining this topic, this hearing will examine issues related to: 1) reverse auctions other than those auctions for construction services; 2) the Small Business Administration's (SBA) and Department of Veterans Affairs contracting programs for service-disabled veteran owned small businesses; and 3) SBA's ability to implement and enforce its statutory functions with regard to the small business contracting.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, March 16, 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, Senior Counsel to the Committee, at 202-225-5821.