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Committee on Small Business

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NOTICE OF HEARING

May 23, 2013

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

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce

FROM: Richard Hanna, Chairman

DATE: Thursday, May 16, 2013

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce will meet for a hearing titled, *Building America: Challenges for Small Construction Contractors*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 23, 2013 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Of the \$516 billion spent by the federal government through contracts in fiscal year 2012, construction and architect and engineering contracts (A&E) contracting accounted for about 8 percent of federal prime contract dollars, but over 17 percent of the awards to small businesses. However, small businesses in these industries still report that policies and procedures limit their ability to compete for federal work. The Subcommittee will receive testimony on barriers to the maximum practicable utilization of small business construction and A&E contractors. The hearing will specifically address the following areas that often limit small businesses from effectively competing on construction and A&E projects: 1) surety bond issues; 2) the use of reverse auctions for construction and construction services; 3) subcontracting credit allowance; and 4) failure to properly use a two-step procurement process for design-build contracts. In each case, the Subcommittee will discuss potential legislative solutions.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, May 20, 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.