

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**November 8, 2011**

**10:00 A.M. Sumter, SC**

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

FROM: Mick Mulvaney, Chairman

DATE: Tuesday, November 01, 2011

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The Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce of the Committee on Small Business will meet for a field hearing titled *Examining the Barriers for Small Business Contractors at the DoD*. The hearing will take place on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the Sumter County Council's Chambers, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, SC 29150.

During the recent base realignment and closure (BRAC) process, the United States 3<sup>rd</sup> Army moved their headquarters from Fort McPherson, GA to Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, SC. As part of the BRAC process, several large construction projects were necessary for facilities, housing, and infrastructure to accommodate the approximately 1,000 soldiers, civilian employees, and their families moving onto the base. In 2009, the Navy awarded the construction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Headquarters Building on Shaw Air Force Base to a firm based in Montgomery, AL.

The goal of the hearing is to examine this particular contract to determine what qualifications were needed by the Army that led them to make the decisions they did, discuss potential improvements for bids from local companies to increase their capabilities in the federal contracting arena, and discuss the specific barriers small businesses face when contracting with the Department of Defense (DoD).

If you or your staff has any questions, please call Joe Hartz, Professional Staff for the Committee, at (202) 225-5821.