

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
March 20, 2013
1:00 P.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Committee on Small Business

FROM: Sam Graves, Chairman

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, *Entrepreneurial Assistance: Examining Inefficiencies and Duplication Across Federal Programs*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:00 P.M. on March 20, 2013 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The purpose of this hearing is to provide oversight on fragmentation, overlap, and duplication in entrepreneurial assistance programs across the federal government, specifically between the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This hearing will examine the Government Accountability Office's (GAO's) reports identifying opportunities for improvements across 52 entrepreneurial assistance programs and discuss what steps, if any, agencies have taken to implement GAO's recommendations. Further, as GAO's reports cited a lack of collaborative efforts between agencies, the hearing will focus on whether a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SBA and USDA, which was entered into in order to improve coordination of their respective roles in these programs, is sufficient to provide collaboration.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, March 18, 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 Corey Cooke, Associate Counsel for the Committee, at 202-225-5821.