

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6515

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**September 18, 2019**

**11:30 A.M., 2360 Rayburn House Office Building**

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business**

**FROM: Nydia Velázquez, Chairwoman**

**DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

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The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “The Role of the SBA’s 8(a) Program in Enhancing Economic Opportunities.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The SBA’s 8(a) program was designed as a business development program to help disadvantaged businesses compete in the federal marketplace. The program helps thousands of small businesses start and grow by competing for government contracts and in doing so, assists local communities. Nevertheless, the program has faced several challenges throughout the years. The hearing will examine how the program operates, the benefits to entrepreneurs and communities, and steps Congress can take to improve the effectiveness and oversight of the program.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 16, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Irene Rivera, Procurement Counsel for the Committee, at 202-225-4038.