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THE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT FAIRNESS ROUNDTABLE OFFERS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS EXCESSIVE FEDERAL REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT

WHO:	SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens Members of the Regional Regulatory Fairness Board for Region III Ronald E. Bew, SBA District Director, Richmond District
WHAT:	Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Roundtable This is a public roundtable sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration to assist small business owners with unfair or excessive federal regulatory enforcement issues. This roundtable will provide an informal setting where the small business community and its leadership openly discuss federal regulatory enforcement activities. Small business owners, representatives of community organizations and trade associations, and business leaders are invited to comment about compliance and enforcement of regulations by any Federal agency. To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among federal agencies and small businesses, Congress has directed the SBA and the National Ombudsman to hold Regulatory Fairness Public Forums across the United States.
WHEN:	Thursday, May 24, 2007 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
WHERE:	New Visions, New Ventures Wytestone Building 801 East Main Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room Richmond, VA 23219
MEDIA	National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens will be available on May 24 at noon for media interviews, or by appointment.

Any small business concerned about excessive enforcement of federal regulations can contact their local SBA district office or the National Ombudsman at 888-REG-FAIR (888-734-3247) or go to the National Ombudsman Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman.

For more information on the May 24 Regulatory Fairness Forum, contact Peggy FaJohn at the SBA Richmond Office at (804) 771-2400, ext. 126.

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