



Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Business Tuesday, August 21, 2007 Billings, MT

Small business owners have an opportunity to discuss concerns about federal regulatory compliance and enforcement issues during this Forum.

WHO: **SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens**, members of the Regional Regulatory Fairness Board and representatives of Federal regulatory agencies will hear concerns, comments and complaints about Federal regulatory enforcement and compliance. Small business owners, representatives of community organizations and trade associations, are invited to testify about compliance and enforcement of regulations by Federal agencies.

WHAT: 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 hearings. Concerns and complaints received at this forum will be directed to the appropriate Federal regulatory agency for a higher-level review and consideration.

WHERE: Montana State University Billings
College of Professional Studies and Lifelong Learning
2804 3rd Ave. North
Billings, MT 59101

WHEN: Tuesday, August 21, 2007
Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Hearing: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Small business owners may testify during the hearing by registering in advance. Call Rena Carlson at (406) 441-1086 at the SBA Montana District Office or send an e-mail to lorena.carlson@sba.gov. Testimony may be submitted in writing in advance or at the hearing. Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the hearing.

For additional information, visit the Office of the National Ombudsman's website at www.sba.gov/ombudsman, or call José Méndez at (202) 205-6178.



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