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Office of the National Ombudsman Regulatory Fairness Hearing Set For Thursday, March 24th in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS – National Ombudsman Earl L Gay will convene a regional Regulatory Fairness Hearing to hear testimony from small business owners, representatives of trade associations, and other members of the small business community regarding federal regulations and enforcement and compliance actions impacting America's small businesses. The hearing will be held at the Siouxland Libraries-Oak View Branch, 3700 E. 3rd Street on Thursday, March 24, 2016. Registration is from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and the Hearing will follow from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

“This Regulatory Fairness Hearing represents a rare opportunity for small business to speak up about regulations and how they affect business success. We strongly encourage business owners to take advantage of this chance to increase awareness of burdensome regulations and unfair enforcement actions to effect change”, said John L. Brown II, SBA’s South Dakota District Director.

Members of the small business community, trade organizations and media are encouraged to attend. RSVPs should be made to Elahe Zahirieh, Case Management Specialist, Office of the National Ombudsman at (202) 205-6499 or by email at ombudsman@sba.gov by March 17, 2016. Those wishing to testify must register and provide written statements in advance. 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. Those wishing to put testimony on the record on a confidential basis may do so by offering it in writing in advance.

To RSVP or for additional information on providing written statements or testimony, you may also contact Chuck Hughes at the South Dakota SBA District Office, 605-330-4243, ext. 31.

For additional information about the Office of the National Ombudsman, visit our website at www.sba.gov/ombudsman. The SBA's programs and services are provided to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made when requested 1 week in advance. Contact: elahe.zahirieh@sba.gov or call (202) 205-6918.

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