

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0515

**NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING**  
**November 4, 2015 10:30 A.M.**  
**334 Cannon House Office Building**

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce  
Members, Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

**FROM: Richard Hanna, Chairman  
Mike Coffman, Chairman**

**DATE: Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce will meet for a joint hearing with Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations titled, "An Examination of Continued Challenges in VA's Vets First Verification Process." The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 in Room 334 of the Cannon House Office Building.

This is a successor hearing to a March 19, 2013 joint hearing held by the Subcommittees titled, *Consistently Inconsistent: Challenges for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses* (2013 hearing). The prior hearing examined challenges facing service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) seeking federal contracts using both the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) contracting programs. The prior hearing was spurred by a report of the Government Accountability Office that identified significant problems with the VA's verification program. The hearing will provide an opportunity for the Subcommittee to receive an update on the status of the verification programs at VA.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Emily Murphy, Policy Director and Senior Counsel to the Committee, at 202-225-5821.