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IN FEDERAL CONTRACTS



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- National program from WIPP & American Express OPEN designed to educate women business owners on how to apply for and secure federal procurement opportunities.
- Give Me 5 works to increase the representation of Women Business Owners that win government contracts. We provide accessible business education tools to assist both new and experienced federal contractors.
- Women Business Owners could gain more than \$4 billion in annual revenues if the 5% contracting goal set by Congress was reached.



Regulation Fairness for Small Business

The Office of National Ombudsman (ONO)

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Regular Fairness for Small Business

What is ONO?

- ONO assists small businesses facing unfair or excessive federal regulatory enforcement issues (ie: audits, fines, penalties, retaliation)
- Confidential, impartial, and responsive channel for small businesses to voice concerns about enforcement of federal regulations
- ONO directs concerns to appropriate agency, works across government to address concerns, reduce regulatory burdens.



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ONO helps small businesses succeed!



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ONO can help if:

- You are, or represent, a small business, small government entity (population 50,000 or less) or a small nonprofit organization;
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The National Ombudsman reports to Congress annually on how federal agencies work with the small businesses they regulate. Each agency is graded on the timeliness and quality of its handling of small business concerns relating to regulatory compliance and enforcement.



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The Ombudsman also coordinates activities of 10 Regional Regulatory Fairness Boards that advise the Ombudsman and help connect America's small businesses with the resources available from the Ombudsman's Office.



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How to get help:

Complete and submit the short form at
www.sba.gov/ombudsman/comment

Or you may download the form and submit:

Email: ombudsman@sba.gov

Fax: 202-481-5719

Mail: Small Business Administration
Office of the National Ombudsman
409 3rd Street SW, MC 2120
Washington, DC 20416



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Information to include:

- Describe the enforcement, inspection, or compliance action taken by the federal agency and the results;
- Briefly state the specific action or outcome you are seeking;
- Provide substantiating documentation of the action taken if available, such as correspondence, citations, or notices.



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Regulatory Fairness Helpline: 888-REG-FAIR!



Questions?



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