



Regional Regulatory Roundtable

The SBA Office of Advocacy is an independent office that serves as a voice for small business within the federal government, the watchdog for the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) and the source of small business statistics. Advocacy advances the views and concerns of small business before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, federal courts, and state policy makers.

President Donald J. Trump has made regulatory reform a center piece of his agenda and has signed two executive orders addressing the regulatory burden faced by the private sector. Advocacy has a unique and important role to aid agency implementation of the Executive Orders. To assist in accomplishing the goals of the Executive Orders, we have developed a Regulatory Reform Action Plan.

As part of this plan, we are hosting Regional Regulatory Reform Roundtables across the country in an effort to hear directly from small businesses about what regulations concern them the most. Please refer to pages 3-4 for March 2018 Regulatory Reform Roundtable dates, locations and links to register.

The purpose of Advocacy's Regional Regulatory Roundtables is to:

1. Identify regional small business regulatory issues in order to assist agencies with regulatory reform and reduction in compliance with Executive Orders 13771 & 13777;
2. Compile crucial information for Advocacy's new report on existing small business regulatory burdens across the nation, identifying specific recommendations for regulatory changes based upon first-hand accounts from small businesses across the country; and
3. Inform and educate the small business public as to how Advocacy and SBA can assist them with their small business goals.

In order for this Regulatory Reform effort to be successful, we need small business participation. This will be an opportunity for small business leaders to educate Advocacy and federal agencies through first-hand accounts of how they are impacted by federal regulations. The information gathered at these roundtables will be utilized to inform agencies, congress and the public on what specific regulations can be modified or removed to help small businesses. For more information regarding Advocacy's efforts to help reduce the regulatory burden on small businesses and upcoming roundtable events, please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/advocacy/regulatory-reform>

NAFTA Modernization Outreach Meeting

In early 2016, Congress passed the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (TFTEA), establishing a new role for the Office of Advocacy: to facilitate greater consideration of small business economic issues during international trade negotiations. On May 18, 2017, the President notified Congress of the intent to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). This triggered Advocacy's obligations under TFTEA, including a report for Congress on the views of small business on the potential economic effects of a renegotiated NAFTA.

For this report, Advocacy is hosting outreach meetings across the country to hear from small business affected by international trade with Canada and Mexico. Please refer to pages 3-4 for March 2018 NAFTA Modernization meeting dates, locations, and links to register.

The purpose of Advocacy's outreach meeting is to hear directly from small businesses on their priorities, opportunities and challenges in a renegotiated NAFTA.

In order for this outreach effort to be successful, we need small business participation. This will be an opportunity for small business leaders to educate Advocacy and federal agencies through first-hand accounts of how they have been impacted by NAFTA.

--Document Continues--



Regulatory Reform Roundtable and NAFTA Modernization Meeting – March 2018 Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 13th — Detroit, Michigan

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Regulatory Reform Roundtable

Woodward Ballroom at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Southfield, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-office-of-advocacy-regional-regulatory-roundtable-detroit-mi-tickets-43639719576>

1:30 – 4:30 pm NAFTA Modernization Meeting

Woodward Ballroom at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Southfield, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-advocacy-nafta-modernization-outreach-meeting-detroit-mi-tickets-43639913155>

Thursday, March 15th — Milwaukee, WI

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm NAFTA Modernization Meeting

Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center, 640 S 84th St., Milwaukee, WI 53214

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-advocacy-nafta-modernization-outreach-meeting-milwaukee-wi-tickets-43640003425>

Friday, March 16th — Milwaukee, WI

8:30 am - 12:30 pm Regulatory Reform Roundtable

Schlitz Park, 1555 N Rivercenter Dr., Conference Room #3, Milwaukee, WI 53212

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-office-of-advocacy-regional-regulatory-roundtable-milwaukee-wi-tickets-43640386571>

**SBA Administrator Linda McMahon will be in attendance*

Monday, March 19th — San Antonio, TX

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Regulatory Reform Roundtable

UTSA Downtown Campus, Durango Building, SBDC Training Room, 501 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd., San Antonio, Texas, 78207

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-office-of-advocacy-regional-regulatory-roundtable-san-antonio-tx-tickets-43212226934>

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm NAFTA Modernization Meeting

UTSA Downtown Campus, Durango Building, SBDC Training Room, 501 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd., San Antonio, Texas, 78207

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-advocacy-nafta-modernization-outreach-meeting-san-antonio-tx-tickets-43214637143>

Tuesday, March 20th — Houston, TX

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Regulatory Reform Roundtable

Marriott West Loop by the Galleria, 1750 West Loop S., Houston, Texas, 77027

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-office-of-advocacy-regional-regulatory-roundtable-houston-tx-tickets-43202759617>

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm NAFTA Modernization Meeting

Marriott West Loop by the Galleria, 1750 West Loop S., Houston, Texas, 77027

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-advocacy-nafta-modernization-outreach-meeting-houston-tx-tickets-43213838755>

Thursday, March 22nd — Philadelphia, PA

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Regulatory Reform Roundtable

Paul Peck Alumni Gallery at Drexel University, 32nd and Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-office-of-advocacy-regional-regulatory-roundtable-philadelphia-pa-tickets-43641301307>

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm NAFTA Modernization Meeting

Paul Peck Alumni Gallery at Drexel University, 32nd and Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Information and Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-advocacy-nafta-modernization-outreach-meeting-philadelphia-pa-tickets-43667972080>

--End of Document --