

## Advocacy Encourages SBA to Consider Industry Study Report in Final Regulatory Impact Analysis

On July 17, 2006, the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration (Advocacy) wrote the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) regarding a proposed rulemaking to create a women-owned small business federal contract assistance program. The proposed regulation would implement Section 811 of Public Law 106-554 that requires SBA, among other things, to conduct a study to determine in which industries women-owned small businesses are underrepresented and substantially underrepresented. Advocacy commended SBA for complying with the Regulatory Flexibility Act by publishing an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis setting forth the economic impact on women-owned small business and other small entities, and offered small business insights on the effects of the rule. See Advocacy's complete comments at [www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments](http://www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments).

- On June 15, 2006, the SBA published a proposed regulation to add a new contracting program for women-owned small business. 13 Part 127 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.
- On July 17, 2006, Advocacy wrote the SBA regarding the proposed regulation and urged SBA to enhance its impact analysis by using data from an industry study. Such analysis should be incorporated in the Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.