

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6515

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**June 28, 2012**

**10:00 A.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building**

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce**

**FROM: Mick Mulvaney, Chairman**

**DATE: Thursday, June 21, 2012**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce will meet for a hearing titled *Unlocking Opportunities: Recidivism versus Fair Competition in Federal Contracting*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on June 28, 2012, in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The hearing will specifically address whether contracting preferences provided to Federal Prison Industries, commonly known as UNICOR, unfairly disadvantage small businesses competing for federal contracts. Small businesses argue that they are unfairly prejudiced when UNICOR is allowed to compete for small business set-aside contracts, while UNICOR cites reduced rates of recidivism for prisoners working on UNICOR contracts. The Subcommittee will examine both arguments as well as potential legislative solutions, including H.R. 3634, the Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2011.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, June 25, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please call Emily Murphy, Senior Counsel, or Corey Cooke, Associate Counsel, for the Committee at x55821.