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### CHALLENGES FOR SERVICE-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce; and Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Consistently Inconsistent: Challenges for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; A. John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Tom Leney, Executive Director, Veterans and Small Business Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### TAX REFORM AND TAX PROVISIONS AFFECTING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Tax Reform and Tax Provisions Affecting State and Local Governments". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### HUNGARY

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the trajectory of democracy in Hungary, focusing on Hungary's constitutional changes with a particular view to the independence of the judiciary, present-day Hungary's relationship to its Holocaust-era past, and the implications of Hungary's sweeping legal changes for civil society, including an independent media and religious organizations, after receiving testimony from Brent Hartley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Jozsef Szajer, Hungarian Member of the European Parliament, Fidesz-Hungarian Civic Union, Budapest; Kim Lane, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; Sylvana Habdank-Kolaczowska, Freedom House, New York, New York; and Paul A. Shapiro, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine assessing the risks, impacts, and solutions for space threats, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) progress on key safety initiatives, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine reforming the delivery system, focusing on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism policies and priorities, focusing on addressing the evolving threat, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013", and S. 330, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Time to be announced, S-216.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on getting the recovery right and the value of mitigation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the future of drones in America, focusing on law enforcement and privacy considerations, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine building an immigration system worthy of American values, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs mental health care, focusing on ensuring timely access to high-quality care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, business meeting to consider the following measures: H.R. 634, the "Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2013"; H.R. 677, the "Inter-Affiliate Swap Clarification Act"; H.R. 742, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2013"; H.R. 992, the "Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act"; H.R. 1003, to improve consideration by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; H.R. 1038, the "Public Power

Risk Management Act of 2013”; and legislation regarding the “Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Children’s Mental Health, Oversight, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Oversight, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Major Construction Projects of the Department of Energy Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Judiciary Oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Education: Perspective from the Inspector Generals, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, hearing on the Posture of the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1120, the “Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Health Information Technologies: How Innovation Benefits Patients”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “State of Community Banking: Is the Current Regulatory Environment Adversely Affecting Community Financial Institutions?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Crisis in Syria: The U.S. Response”, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on “Hezbollah’s Strategic Shift: A Global Terrorist Threat”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Measuring Outcomes to Understand the State of Border Security”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology, hearing entitled “Cyber Threats from China, Russia and Iran: Protecting American Critical Infrastructure”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, markup on H.R. 367, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013”; and H.R. 982, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “The Register’s Call for Updates to U.S. Copyright Law”, 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 527, the “Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act”; H.R. 254, the “Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”; H.R. 291, the “Black Hills Cemetery Act”; H.R. 507, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act”; H.R. 588, the “Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013”; H.R. 678, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act”; H.R. 716, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 1033, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1159, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee, business meeting to consider the following: legislation concerning the Federal Information Technology Acquisition and Reform Act; H.R. 1211, the “FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2013”; H.R. 1163, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013”; H.R. 1162, the “Government Accountability Office Improvement Act”; legislation concerning Presidential and Federal records; H.R. 328, the “Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2013”; H.R. 1133, the “Presidential Library Donation Reform Act”; H.R. 1104, the “Federal Advisory Committee Reform Act”; H.R. 249, the “Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 882, the “Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 313, the “Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013”; and legislation concerning the DC CFO Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Improving EPA’s Scientific Advisory Processes”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of NIST Laboratories”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Entrepreneurial Assistance: Examining Inefficiencies and Duplication Across Federal Programs”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Focusing on People: A Review of VA’s Plans for Employee Training, Accountability, and Workload Management to Improve Disability Claims Processing”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Challenges of Achieving Fair and Consistent Disability Decisions”, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Financial Products Tax Reform”, 1:15 p.m., 1100 Longworth.