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MEMORANDUM

July 17, 2025

To: Members, Subcommittee on Government Operations

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Bid Protest Reform: Understanding the Problem”

On **Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center**, the Subcommittee on Government Operations will host a hearing titled “Bid Protest Reform: Identifying the Problem.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Businesses can file a bid protest to challenge federal agencies’ procurement decisions. This process was created to ensure that government procurement is fair and competitive. Critics of the process claim it results in significant delays and higher costs for taxpayers.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will evaluate the main problems with the bid protest process and examine potential reforms to ensure that government procurement stays committed to getting the best value for the American people.

III. WITNESSES:

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