



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

May 13, 2025

The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez
Ranking Member
Committee on Small Business
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6315

Dear Representative Velázquez,

Thank you for your correspondence to the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) dated April 9, 2025, regarding the Committee's concern on the potential changes to the federal government's procurement regulations and the impact on small business participation in the industrial base. SBA's Administrator Loeffler has requested that I respond to you directly on her behalf.

The SBA remains committed to small businesses and small business government contracting. SBA's goal is to increase not just small business dollars but also increase the number of small businesses and new entrants in government contracting by reviewing current SBA programs, their efficiencies and improving their functions.

The SBA is in receipt of the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum dated May 2, 2025, and commits to reviewing regulations to find efficient ways to promote small business participation in government contracting.

SBA intends to work with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council, - i.e., the General Services Administration, the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in streamlining the FAR as it restores common sense to Federal Procurement. SBA will contribute to this process by advocating for all government contractors, especially small businesses, while also using processes that align with the guidance received from OMB.

SBA will ensure that the FAR contains statutory provisions as the President and Congress intended, as well as ensure the FAR includes provisions necessary to simplify and improve the procurement process. SBA notes that Executive Order 14275 directs a rewrite of the FAR to those provisions that are required by statute or "otherwise necessary." SBA agrees that many of the regulatory provisions that advocate for small business participation but are not specifically mandated by statute are "otherwise necessary" to ensure that a "fair proportion of the total purchases and contracts for goods and services of the Government" are awarded to small business. SBA will continue to advocate for small business participation to the maximum extent practicable.

In summary, SBA remains committed to small businesses and remains available to assist OFPP and the FAR Council with the FAR overhaul to ensure small business concerns are protected.

We thank the Committee for providing us with this opportunity to address your concerns. If you and your staff have any questions, please contact Robby Wehagen, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Kingan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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