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NOTICE OF HEARING

May 4, 2017

9:00 A.M. 2318 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce and Committee on Space, Science, and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology

FROM: Steve Knight, Chairman, and Barbara Comstock, Chairman

DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology will meet for a joint hearing titled, "Improving the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs." The hearing will take place at **9:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 4, 2017 in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs are currently authorized through Fiscal Year 2022. The Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology are interested in collaborating on legislation making minor adjustments and improvements to the programs in 2017. The objectives of these initiatives include expansion of commercialization of federally-funded small business research and development, stimulation of technological innovation in the small business sector, and increased use of this community to meet the government's diverse research and development needs. Government and private sector witnesses will discuss the programs and suggest potential improvements to help stimulate commercialization rates, modify reporting requirements that improve data collection, and ensure agencies are utilizing all of the tools available to help transition SBIR and STTR technology into larger contracts.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 1, 2017 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Joe Hartz, Senior Professional Staff for the Committee on Small Business, at 202-225-5821, or Jenn Wickre, Professional Staff for the Subcommittee on Research and Technology, at 202-225-6371.