



# Office of the National Ombudsman

## Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Business

Friday, February 22, 2013

Orlando, FL

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**Small business owners will have an opportunity to discuss issues regarding Federal regulatory compliance and enforcement during this forum.**

*Have you or a small business owner you know been unfairly fined or penalized by a Federal government agency, or is a Federal agency enforcement action imminent?*

**WHO:** **SBA Acting National Ombudsman Yolanda Swift** will meet with members of the Orlando, FL area small business community to hear issues and comments about federal regulatory enforcement and compliance actions. Small business owners, representatives of trade associations, and community and business leaders are invited to participate, comment about compliance actions and enforcement of regulations by federal agencies, and learn more about the impact of federal regulations on small businesses.

Orlando based SBA Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board member William Jackson Patton is a Region IV resource person regarding regulatory fairness issues. Mr. Patton will introduce the Acting National Ombudsman at the forum.

**WHAT:** To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among federal agencies and small businesses, Congress has directed the SBA and the National Ombudsman to hold Regulatory Fairness forums for small businesses. The National Ombudsman will direct any specific issues addressed at this forum to the appropriate Federal agency for a higher-level review of fairness of the enforcement action.

**WHERE:** **University of Central Florida  
National Center for Simulation  
Partnership III, Room 321  
3039 Technology Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32826**

**WHEN:** **Friday, February 22, 2013  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Members of the small business community, trade organizations and media are encouraged to attend. RSVPs should be made to Carla Hoskins at the National Center for Simulation at (407) 384-6111 or by email to [choskins@simulationinformation.com](mailto:choskins@simulationinformation.com) before the forum. Small business owners or representatives unable to attend can contact the Office of the National Ombudsman for further assistance at (202) 205-2417.

For additional information, visit the Office of the National Ombudsman's website at [www.sba.gov/ombudsman](http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman).



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