



The SBA Office of Advocacy is an independent office housed in the SBA that serves as an independent voice for small business within the federal government, the watchdog for the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) and the source of small business statistics. Advocacy advances the views and concerns of small business before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, federal courts, and state policy makers.

President Donald J. Trump has made regulatory reform a center piece of his agenda and recently signed two executive orders addressing the regulatory burden faced by the private sector. Advocacy has a unique and important role to aid agency implementation of the Executive Orders. To assist in accomplishing the goals of the Executive Orders, we have developed a Regulatory Reform Action Plan.

As part of this plan, we are hosting Regional Regulatory Reform Roundtables across the country in an effort to hear directly from small businesses about what regulations concern them the most. The next roundtables will be held in Missouri and Kansas. On September 12, the roundtable will be held in St. Louis, Missouri beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 12:30 p.m. The event will be located at the Marriott St. Louis Grand – 800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63101. The second will be held in Overland Park, Kansas also beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 12:30 p.m. This roundtable will be held at the Marriott Kansas City Overland Park – 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS, 66210.

The purpose of Advocacy's Regional Regulatory Roundtables is to:

1. Identify regional small business regulatory issues in order to assist agencies with regulatory reform and reduction in compliance with Executive Orders 13771 & 13777;
2. Compile crucial information for Advocacy's new report on existing small business regulatory burdens across the nation, identifying specific recommendations for regulatory changes based upon first-hand accounts from small businesses across the country; and
3. Inform and educate the small business public as to how Advocacy and SBA can assist them with their small business goals.

In order for this Regulatory Reform effort to be successful, we need small business participation. This will be an opportunity for small business leaders to educate Advocacy and federal agencies through first-hand accounts of how they are impacted by federal regulations. The information gathered at these roundtables will be utilized to inform agencies, congress and the public on what specific regulations can be modified or removed to help small businesses.

*For more information regarding Advocacy's efforts to help reduce the regulatory burden on small businesses and upcoming roundtable events, please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/advocacy/regulatory-reform>.*