



regulatory review and reform initiative

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2008 r3 Top 10 Rules For Review And Reform

The Office of Advocacy, charged with monitoring compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), announced its Regulatory Review and Reform (r3) initiative in August 2007. This important initiative is designed to 1) offer federal agencies guidance and training on how to implement Section 610 of the RFA (requiring agencies to review rules every 10 years), 2) recommend to agencies rules that should be reviewed, and 3) provide public updates on the status and results of agency action on each year's Top 10 nominated rules (see the r3 website at www.sba.gov/advo/r3).

This new effort is a result of Advocacy's work with federal agencies to ensure that they analyze the impact of their proposed regulations on small business, and that they consider alternative solutions that minimize their impact on small business while still meeting their regulatory goals. Agencies are required not just to review proposed rules, but to review existing rules - as mandated by section 610 of the RFA. The fact that many agencies are not complying with section 610 is one of the reasons for the r3 initiative.

After review of the over 80 submissions following a public call for nominations, Advocacy is announcing the 2008 r3 Top 10 Rules for Review and Reform. The announcement will take place on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

r3 Top 10 Announcement

- National news conference announcement and panel discussion to be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am (eastern).
- Held in the Zenger Room of the National Press Club, located at 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20045. Phone: 202-662-7500. For directions, parking and Metro information see www.press.org/directions.cfm.
- Panelists include: Thomas Sullivan , Chief Counsel for Advocacy (moderator); Wayne Crews, Vice President for Policy and Director of Technology Studies, Competitive Enterprise Institute; Dan Nickey, Chairman of the State Small Business Ombudsman National Steering Committee and r3 nominator; Josh Levine, President, Electra Entertainment (an affected small business).
- The audience will include interested media and Advocacy stakeholders (primarily representatives of trade organizations with interests in the Top 10 and the r3 initiative, with some federal agency representatives). For more information about the r3 initiative and Top 10 selection process, please contact Keith Holman at 202-205-6936 or keith.holman@sba.gov. For more information about the news conference, please contact John McDowell at 202-205-6941 or john.mcdowell@sba.gov.