



Small Business Regulatory Review and Reform Initiative

Six-Month Status Update on r3 Top 10 Reviews/Reforms of Current Rules



The Office of Advocacy announced the 2008 r3 Top 10 nominations for review and reform on February 28, 2008. In the six months since the Top 10 announcement, Advocacy has worked with the agencies and with small business stakeholders to move forward on the ten recommendations. This chart provides a status update as of August 28, 2008. The chart will be updated to reflect any responses, announcements, reviews, and reforms announced by the respective agencies.

Table with 3 columns: Nomination, Agency, Status as of August 2008. Rows include: Update Air Monitoring Rules for Dry Cleaners to Reflect Current Technology; Flexibility for Community Drinking Water Systems; Simplify the Rules for Recycling Solid Waste; EPA Should Clearly Define "Oil" in its Oil Spill Rules.

<p><a href="#">Update Flight Rules for the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area</a> FAA and other agencies should review the flight restriction rule for the region surrounding Washington, DC, to determine whether the rule could be revised to avoid harming small airports within the region.</p> <p>Advocacy contact: <a href="#">Bruce Lundegren</a> 202-205-6533</p>	DOT/ FAA	On March 19, 2008 the FAA notified Advocacy by <a href="#">letter</a> that it expects to finalize the flight restriction rules by January 2009. <a href="#">more</a> ►
<p><a href="#">Eliminate Duplicative Financial Requirements for Architect-Engineering Services Firms in Government Contracting</a> The duplicative retainage requirement should be removed or reduced in architect-engineering services contracts, as has been done for other services.</p> <p>Advocacy contact: <a href="#">Major Clark</a> 202-205-6533</p>	FAR Council	The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) submitted Advocacy's r3 retainage proposal to the FAR Council. The FAR case number assigned to this issue is 2008-015. <a href="#">more</a> ►
<p><a href="#">Simplify the Home Office Business Deduction</a> The IRS should revise their rules to permit a standard deduction for home-based businesses, which constitute 53 percent of all small businesses.</p> <p>Advocacy contact: <a href="#">Dillon Taylor</a> 202-205-6533</p>	Treasury/ IRS	On <a href="#">March 14, 2008</a> , the IRS informed Advocacy that this issue has been assigned to IRS attorneys for review. <a href="#">more</a> ►
<p><a href="#">Update MSHA Rules on the Use of Explosives in Mines to Reflect Modern Industry Standards</a> MSHA should update its current rules to be consistent with modern mining industry explosives standards.</p> <p>Advocacy contact: <a href="#">Bruce Lundegren</a> 202-205-6533</p>	DOL/ MSHA	MSHA has not formally announced its intention to update explosives standards. <a href="#">more</a> ►
<p><a href="#">Update OSHA's Medical / Laboratory Worker Rule</a> The current rule should be reviewed to determine whether it can be made more flexible in situations where workers do not have potential exposure to bloodborne pathogens.</p> <p>Advocacy contact: <a href="#">Bruce Lundegren</a> 202-205-6533</p>	DOL/OSHA	OSHA has not formally announced its intention to review rules governing exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
<p><a href="#">Update Reverse Auction Techniques for Online Procurement of Commercial Items</a> The current reverse auction techniques should be reviewed to determine whether a government-wide rule is necessary to create a more consistent and predictable online process.</p> <p>Advocacy contact: <a href="#">Major Clark</a> 202-205-6533</p>	OFPP	On October 4, 2006 the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) <a href="#">announced to the acquisition community</a> that this action item is under review to determine the appropriate course of action for this acquisition tool. <a href="#">more</a> ►

### U.S. Federal Government Abbreviations

(EPA) Environmental Protection Agency  
(FAA) Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation  
(FAR Council) Federal Acquisition Regulation Council  
(IRS) Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury  
(MSHA) Mine Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor  
(OSHA) Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor  
(OFPP) Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget