



# Office of the National Ombudsman

## Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Business

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 | El Paso, Texas

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*A forum for small business owners to discuss federal regulations, compliance audits, regulatory fines, and enforcement actions impacting small businesses.*

The U.S. Small Business Administration presents this Regulatory Fairness Forum to facilitate a dialogue on federal regulatory issues impacting small businesses and to highlight the range of resources available to small business owners from the SBA and the Office of the National Ombudsman.

**WHO:** SBA National Ombudsman Brian Castro will host a conversation with small business owners and representatives of the small business community in El Paso, Texas area.

**WHAT:** The National Ombudsman holds regulatory fairness hearings and forums across the country to give small business owners a means to comment on unfair enforcement actions, government audits, and excessive fines or regulations. The Ombudsman directs specific issues raised by participants to the appropriate Federal agency for a high-level fairness review, and works across government to address those concerns, reduce regulatory burdens, and help small businesses grow.

**WHERE:** **El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
2401 E. Missouri  
El Paso, Texas 79903

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, July 23, 2014**  
**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Registration**  
**9:00 a.m. – Forum**

All members of the small business community, trade organizations, chambers of commerce, and media are invited to attend. Those wishing to report a federal regulatory concern confidentially will have the opportunity to do so privately at the forum.

There is no cost to attend and advanced registration is encouraged. Please contact the Office of the National Ombudsman by e-mail at [ombudsman-events@sba.gov](mailto:ombudsman-events@sba.gov), or José Méndez at (202) 205-6178. For more information, visit [sba.gov/ombudsman](http://sba.gov/ombudsman).

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