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### **Statement by SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto On GPRA Scorecard Achievement**

“The Mercatus Center at George Mason University has ranked the U.S. Small Business Administration third in its annual evaluation of 24 federal agencies’ mandated reporting under the Government Performance and Results Act, based on clarity and usefulness for policymakers and the public. The SBA also was noted as the most improved agency in the group, having improved its ranking by 13 spots since last year’s evaluation. I applaud the Mercatus Center’s dedication to raising the bar for federal agency reporting. It can only improve our accountability to the public.

“We are pleased and gratified that the Mercatus Center has recognized the great effort the SBA has put into improving its reporting. We understand how important it is for the information we provide to be timely, accurate and useful, but we also understand that it is results that count.

“Through the guidance of the President’s Management Agenda, we are working hard to build a federal agency here that is driven by performance, accountability and results. The SBA is America’s small business resource, and the small businesses of this country will be better off for our efforts.”

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