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SBA Web Chat Will Focus on Regulatory Fairness for Small Business Owners
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Monday, October 25, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET

WASHINGTON - Small business owners, who feel they are subject to excessive or unfair federal enforcement actions, like repetitive audits or investigations, excessive fines, threats, retaliation or some other unfair enforcement action by a federal agency, can seek help from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

WHO: SBA National Ombudsman Esther Vassar will host the October Web chat on "Regulatory Fairness: What Every Small Business Should Know." Vassar, who is also the assistant administrator for Regulatory Enforcement Fairness, leads the SBA's national effort to ensure fairness in federal regulations on small business while working to lessen disputes between small businesses and federal regulatory agencies. Chat participants can get answers to their questions about how the Office of the National Ombudsman can help small business owners with excessive and unfair federal regulatory enforcements, and how the national ombudsman can be an important resource for a small business.

WHAT: SBA's web chat series provides small business owners with an opportunity to discuss relevant business issues online with experts, industry leaders and successful entrepreneurs. Chat participants have direct, real-time access to the web chats via questions they submit online in advance, and during the live session.

WHEN: October 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. ET
Vassar will answer questions for one hour.

HOW: Participants can join the live Web chat by going online to http://web.sba.gov/livemeeting/Oct10. Web chat participants may also post questions before the October 25th chat by visiting www.sba.gov, and clicking "Online Business Chat."

To review archives of past web chats, visit online at http://www.sba.gov/tools/monthlywebchat/index.html

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