

Federal Contracting and Small Businesses

- How can the government improve subcontracting practices, such as tracking and evaluating subcontracting plans?
- How can prime contractors be more effectively held responsible for their subcontracting plans?
- What aspects, if any, of the rules governing set-asides should be changed?
- What strategies best mitigate the effects of contract bundling?
- Are there specific examples that might be shared as success stories or models for agencies to follow in mitigating contract bundling?
- What types of training would improve small businesses' ability to participate in the federal marketplace and what are the best ways to deliver this training to the small-business community?
- What federal organizations do the best job in their small business outreach strategies? What specific practices do they employ that are most helpful?
- What technology systems and applications are most helpful to small businesses in finding contracting opportunities?
- What improvements can be made to existing technologies and what new applications might be considered to make doing business with the federal government easier and more attractive?
- What is the best way to train people in the procurement process?

Federal officials are willing to take comments via e-mail messages at SB_TaskForce_Comment@sba.gov.

They are also planning a public meeting on June 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Commerce Department, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW in Washington.

A meeting agenda is forthcoming, and will be available at the [Small Business Administration Web site](#).