

CONGRESSMAN Nick Rahall WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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RAHALL ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCES

Washington D.C. --- "With the number of business failures in 1983 reaching the levels of those during the Great Depression," stated West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, "I am happy to the announce my sponsorship of two Conferences to assist small businesses."

Congressman Rahall, along with the Small Business Administration, will hold Procurement Conferences in Huntington and Beckley to help small businesses strengthen and expand their operations.

The dates, times and locations of the Conferences are:

January 10, 1984 8:30am to 4:00pm First Huntington National Bank, Huntington

January 11, 1984 8:30am to 4:00pm MSHA Mine Academy, Beckley

Representatives from S.B.A., as well as other Federal Agencies, will make presentations on how small businesses can become more successful, and outline the various networks of public and private assistance available to small businessmen.

"There a 13 million small businesses in the United States," Rahall pointed out, "ranging from one-person operations to those that employ several hundred people."

"The over 25,000 business failures in 1983, point to the need for greater support of small businesses throughout not only West Virginia, but the nation," Congressman Rahall stressed.

"It is my hope, these Conferences on January 10 and 11, will mark a first step in this support process," Rahall concluded.

Any questions concerning the Procurement Conferences can be directed to Congressman Rahall, or the Small Business Administration District Office in Clarksburg.

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