



REGULATION

Works on behalf of small business in the federal regulatory process



RESEARCH

Produces timely in-house small business research and awards contracts for small business reports



OUTREACH

Keeps an open dialogue with small businesses across the country through 10 Regional Advocates

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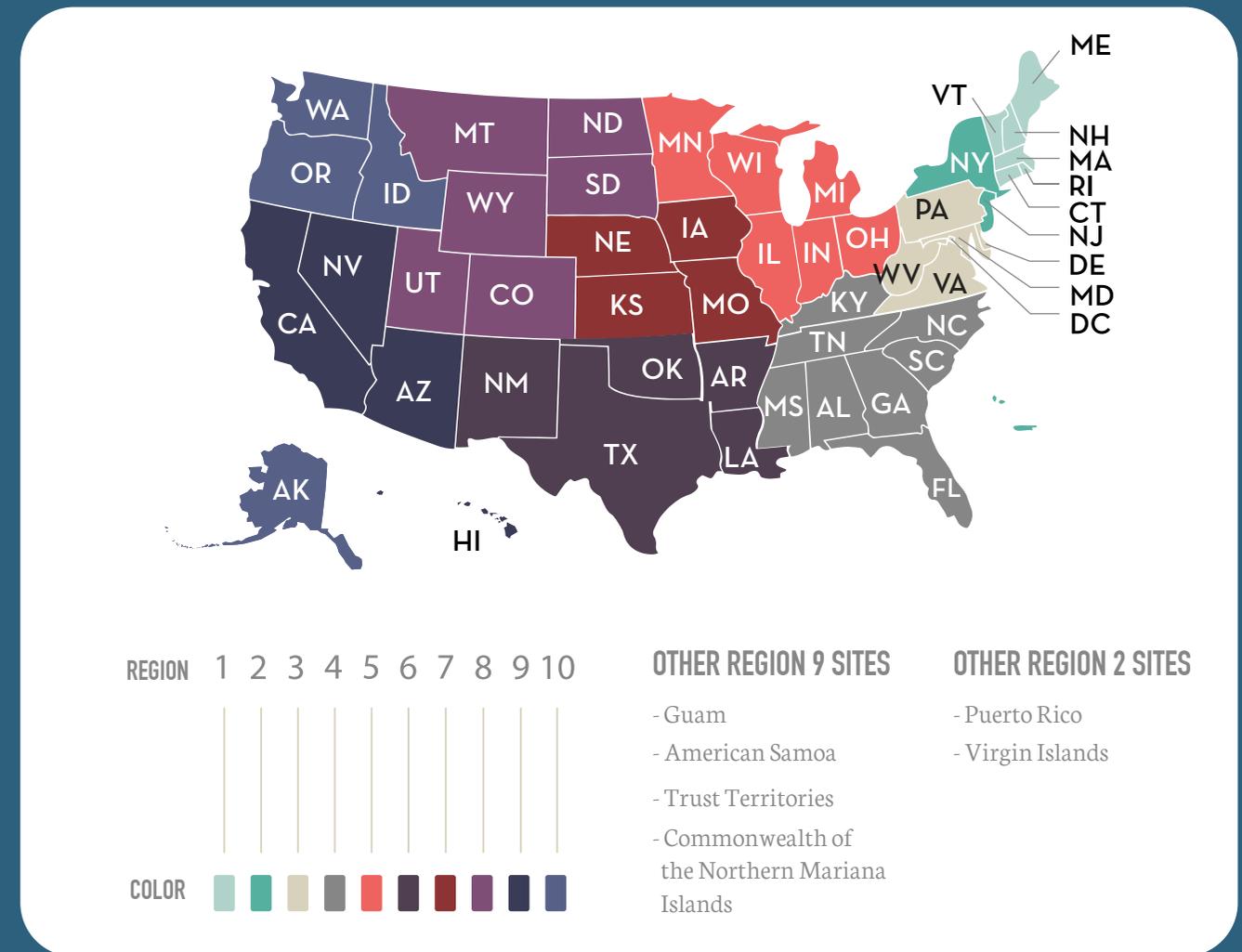


The Office of Advocacy is the independent voice for small business within the federal government.

Advocacy accomplishes this goal by guaranteeing that small business views are heard in the regulatory process and by providing policymakers and small business stakeholders with the knowledge they need to advance the small business economy. In order to carry out this mission, Advocacy focuses on regulations, research, and outreach. Advocacy attorneys educate federal regulators about their obligation to consider the impact of regulations on small entities and work with them to consider possible alternatives. Advocacy economists research the issues that matter most to small business, and the Regional Advocates keep an open line of communication to businesses all across the country.

ABOUT ADVOCACY

In 1976, Congress created the Office of Advocacy to promote policies to support the development, growth, and health of small business. Today, the original statute only serves as the basic legislative framework for the office. In 1980, Congress passed the Regulatory Flexibility Act which strengthened Advocacy's role as the small business voice in the regulatory process, and Executive Orders during subsequent Administrations have underscored this intent.



The Office of Advocacy continues to promote policies for small business success and to ensure that small businesses have a voice in the regulatory process. Every year Advocacy reports to Congress and the Administration on agency compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act; this includes the regulations the office has worked on and the first-year regulatory cost savings for small business. Advocacy releases more than 20 research publications annually, and our economists present these findings throughout the country.

Moreover, to better communicate with small businesses at the local level, Advocacy employs a team of 10 Regional Advocates to bring their voice to the table in Washington, D.C. And, each and every year, as technology improves, the office works to expand our online presence and design more user-friendly approaches to our research and other publications. Forty years later, Advocacy remains as the strong voice for small business.