Small Business Committee Chairman Appoints Hanna to Lead Panel

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **U.S. Representative Richard Hanna** (NY-22) will serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce on the House Small Business Committee. Full Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO) appointed Hanna to the post this week.

Rep. Hanna, who owned and operated a contracting business for more than 30 years in upstate New York, served on the Small Business Committee during his first term. Hanna said he is looking forward to working with Chairman Graves on issues important to our nation's small businesses.

"As Chairman of the Contracting and Workforce subcommittee, I will pursue policies that enable American small businesses to do what they do best – compete and create jobs," **Rep. Hanna said**. "That means making sure our employers have access to a strong, talented workforce and the ability to efficiently contract with their government. Each year our small business owners and employees send hard-earned tax dollars to Washington, so it is only right they have an opportunity to provide those services and goods required by the federal government."

"I've appreciated working with Congressman Hanna, and I know he'll be a great Subcommittee Chairman," **Chairman Graves said**. "His extensive experience as a small businessman gives him exceptional credibility in the work we do for small businesses. His leadership on contracting and workforce issues will allow us to build on efforts to get more small businesses involved in federal contracting, and address the workforce challenges faced by small employers."

ABOUT THE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Contracting and Workforce Subcommittee:

• Oversees the federal procurement system, including programs to enhance small business

participation in providing goods and services to the government.

• Reviews workforce issues that affect the ability of small businesses to obtain and maintain qualified employees.

• Has jurisdiction over contracting programs established by the Small Business Act, technical assistance provided to federal contractors and perspective contractors through the Small Business Administration.

• Oversees all federal policies that affect the small businesses workforce including the roles of the Department of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board.

The 22nd Congressional District is home to thousands of small businesses, many of which provide goods and services to the federal government – including several defense contractors in the Utica, Rome and Binghamton areas.

Rep. Hanna will lead the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce for the next two years.