

No Administration since 1995 has assembled a White House Conference on Small Business (WHCSB).

It has been nearly 30 years since the last WHCSB.

With the reality of small business changing significantly in these three decades, NSBA strongly believes it is time to convene a gathering to develop a cohesive Small-Business agenda to ensure the federal government is taking an active, appropriate role in fostering entrepreneurial development.

The three WHCSBs occurred in 1980, 1986, and 1995, all of which shared similar organizational formats and activities, with differences generated in process and outcomes. In addition, the 1995 WHCSB delegates elected regional implementation teams that worked closely with the small business Administration (SBA) in monitoring congressional and executive branch action on the 1995 Conference's recommendations after its conclusion.

The SBA attributed much of the 1995 Conference's implementation "success rate" to the efforts of these implementation teams.

NSBA is calling on President Trump to support and Congress to authorize, as well as appropriate funds for a WHCSB, within the next two years.

WORKING SOLUTIONS

A testament to the critical role small business plays in the U.S. economy, and inherent to achieving this goal, is the coordinated work of Congress through the Senate and House Small Business Committees, the administration through the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Office of Advocacy, and Small-Business advocacy groups.

Convening a WHCSB sends a message to the millions of people in and positively affected by the Small-Business community that Congress and the White House sees their long-term economic security as a priority.

