

Here's a selection of the most recent press releases, blogs and news items that have been authored by the American Small Business League, mention the ASBL, or bring up pertinent small business issues:

Press Releases:

[Obama Administration Still Diverting Billions in Small Business Dollars to Corporate Giants](#)

-February 24th, 2012:

The most recent federal data finds that the Obama administration has diverted billions of dollars in federal small business contracts to some of the biggest companies in the world. According to federal data, 72 of the top 100 federal small business contractors during fiscal year 2011 were large companies. [More -->](#)

[Advantage for Alaska Native Corporations Leads to Unbalanced Distribution of Small Business Set-Asides](#)

-February, 14, 2012:

Federal government data indicates that at least one-third of all federal contracts awarded through the Small Business Administration's 8(a) business development program has been awarded to Alaska Native Corporations. [More -->](#)

[Obama Ignores Small Businesses in State of the Union](#) – January 25, 2012:

Tuesday President Barack Obama delivered his third State of the Union address to an economically strained nation. At a time when the U.S. economy is in need of sweeping reforms, the President failed to mention rampant government contracting abuse that is costing the middle class upwards of \$100 billion annually. [More -->](#)

[Small Business Group Launches Campaign Opposing Obama's Plan to Wind Down Federal Small Business Programs](#) – January 16, 2012:

Today the American Small Business League (ASBL) is launching a national campaign to educate the media, the public and members of Congress about the negative ramifications of President Obama's plan to combine the Small Business Administration with the Department of Commerce, which will ultimately lead to the elimination of federal small business programs. [More -->](#)

[Obama Extends Program that Reduces Opportunities for Small Business](#)– January 2, 2012:

President Obama has extended a 21-year-old defense program that allows large defense contractors to withhold subcontracting information from the public, media and Congress. [More -->](#)

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Blogs:

[Where's Obama's Windfall Profits Tax on the Oil and Gas Industry?](#)

ASBL President and founder Lloyd Chapman, Huffington Post:

...Much to my amazement, the story spread across the nation and even to newspapers in Europe, and that's how the world found out that Barack Obama had dropped his promise to institute a windfall profits tax on the oil and gas industry. [More -->](#)

[While We're Sitting on the Cabinet, Let's Bring Something to the Table](#) – *ASBL President and founder Lloyd Chapman, Huffington Post:*

Ms. Mills will remain on the president's cabinet only as long as the SBA is an agency-- and the announcement of Ms. Mill's elevation to the cabinet was precluded by a proposal to collapse the SBA and five other federal agencies into one. [More -->](#)

[Betrayed: Federal Audit Criticizes Small Business Administration for Excluding Small Businesses](#) – *ASBL President and founder Lloyd Chapman, Huffington Post:*

The Small Business Administration's Office of the Inspector General (SBA-OIG) released an [audit report](#) this month, criticizing the SBA's practice of misrepresenting the true percentage of federal small business contracts awarded. [More -->](#)

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ASBL in the News:

Inc.com -- [Who Really Gets Uncle Sam's Small Business Contracts:](#)

Three of every four "small business" contracts awarded by the U.S. government go to the likes of Apple, Chevron and GE. [More -->](#)

Huffington Post -- [IBM, AT&T Unfairly Getting Small-Business Contracts: Study](#)

Some of the world's biggest companies are benefiting from a program meant to help America's small businesses, according to a new study.

Lockheed Martin, IBM and AT&T all have snatched up federal government contracts meant for small businesses, according to a study from the American Small Business League. [More -->](#)

Washington Post -- [Report: Billions in federal small-business contracts go to large firms](#)

Advocates for small business — including those in Congress — had near uniformly mixed reactions to President Obama's proposal Friday to temporarily elevate the Small Business Administration to a cabinet agency but then fold the S.B.A. into a super trade and commerce department. Uniformly mixed in that most people The Agenda contacted praised the decision to make the S.B.A. part of the cabinet but expressed caution about the consolidation proposal. [More -->](#)

Project on Government Oversight-- [Large Businesses Winning More Small Business Government Contracts](#)

The American Small Business League (ASBL) has more distressing news about federal small business contracting. ASBL reviewed the federal government's fiscal year 2011 contracting data and found that the number of large businesses winning small business contracts has increased, and that many of these awardees are some of the largest companies in the world. [More -->](#)

Bloomberg Business Week -- [Don't merge the Small Business Administration:](#)

Combining the federal agency with others means weakening the only government advocate for millions of small business owners. [More -->](#)

Reuters -- [Small businesses split over SOTU:](#)

Last night's State of the Union address from President Barack Obama left small business owners divided over his plans for economic recovery which included eliminating tax perks for companies that offshore jobs and beefing up training stimulus for technology jobs...

The American Small Business League declares Obama ignored the needs of small businesses; a major contributor to the economy as they create 90 percent of new jobs. The group that represents 98 percent of U.S. companies (those with fewer than 100 employees) takes particular issue with contract abuse which sees federal small business contracts being awarded to large businesses. This year that figure is over \$6.6 billion. [More -->](#)

NY Times -- [Among small-business advocates, reaction to President's plan is mixed](#)

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