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3. The Office of Management and Budget should be designated the lead agency for both Federal regulations and paperwork of all agencies and programs (specifically including IRS), with responsibility for forms clearance, paperwork reduction, simplification and elimination; coordinating regulations and cost control oversight; requiring agencies to submit to OMB an economic analysis measuring administrative and compliance costs, particularly for small business, of all proposed regulations and paperwork.
4. All Federal agencies should have the power to implement a tiered system of regulation. This should include the power to minimize and exempt small business from various regulations and reporting requirements as well. All new regulations should be designed to take into account the size and nature of the regulated business. All present regulations should be reviewed to see if they are still required.
5. When developing rules, forms and guidelines, regulatory agencies must consult with small business representatives from affected industries and advocates assigned to each agency.
  - (a) Consult SBA Office of Advocacy and small business trade associations who should be given sufficient authority and time (90-180 days prior to publication of notice of proposed rule-making) to influence regulators if a proposed rule and/or form would have an impact on small business.
  - (b) Such proposed rules should reflect less formal administrative procedures for small business.
  - (c) Agencies make available timely information and assistance, within 30 days in writing.