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Jaye Weisman Named SBA's New York District Director

WASHINGTON D.C. – Jaye Weisman has been named director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's New York district office, the agency announced today.

Weisman will oversee delivery of SBA programs in New York City, Long Island and the downstate counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester. She will report to senior management on the state's small business environment and carry out Administrator Steve Preston's agenda to create a more results-driven agency.

"As a New York state native and seasoned leader, Jaye will be a great asset to our New York customers," said Preston. "I look forward to working with Jaye as we continue to expand the availability of SBA programs and services to New York area small businesses."

The New York district is among the top markets in the country for SBA's training, counseling, procurement and loan guarantee programs. In Fiscal Year 2007, SBA guaranteed about 4,800 loans worth more than \$450 million to New York small businesses.

Weisman replaces José R. Sifontes who became SBA's Puerto Rico district director in October.

"We commend Deputy District Director Herb Austin and the entire New York staff for their hard work and dedication during the interim," said Preston. "We thank them for their leadership and continued commitment to New York's small business community."

Weisman has served as northeast regional director for the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers Compensation Programs since August 2003. Before that, she had a 10 year career in mental health services and health care administration.

While at the Department of Labor, she administered four major compensation programs that provide wage replacement benefits, medical treatment and vocational rehabilitation to individuals experiencing work-related injury or occupational disease. During her tenure she designed and implemented programs that improved the organization's performance and efficiency.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago, a PhD from St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., an MBA from Zicklin School of Business at City University of New York, and a Master of Professional Studies in Labor Relations from Cornell University.

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