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## ***SBA Announces Appointment of Jeanne Hulit As Regional Administrator for Region I***

**WASHINGTON** – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced the appointment of Jeanne Hulit, as the regional administrator in Region I, to oversee the SBA’s programs and services in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

“Both the SBA and small businesses of New England will benefit greatly from Jeanne’s lending and community development background,” said SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills in welcoming Hulit. “With her experience in both the public and private sectors, as well as her commitment to serving her community, Jeanne will be a tremendous asset and advocate for small businesses and entrepreneurs across the region, especially at this critical time when so many are facing tough challenges as a result of the recession. She has been a great resource for the businesses in my home state of Maine and I know she will do the same for all of New England.”

“I am deeply honored and excited about working with Administrator Karen Mills and the Obama Administration to help small businesses in New England weather these difficult times,” said Hulit. “I look forward to deploying my experience in the financial services industry and economic development to help the U.S. Small Business Administration work effectively with private industry to retain and grow employment in the region.”

The Region I office, headquartered in Boston, oversees the SBA’s district offices in Boston; Augusta, Maine; Concord, N.H.; Montpelier, Vt.; Providence, R.I.; and Hartford, Conn.

Hulit has been a senior vice president for commercial lending at Citizens Bank since 2002. She also served as a vice president for Key Bank National Association for 10 years and as the deputy director of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for four years. In addition to being a vice president of Gendron Commercial Brokers and a public affairs manager for Time Warner Cable, Hult worked for both the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Portland Region and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Hulit is affiliated with several Maine organizations including the University of Southern Maine, U.S. Department of Commerce District Export Council, Maine International Trade Center, Maine Port Authority and Maine Democratic organizations. She graduated from the American University with a bachelor’s degree in international studies in 1980. Hult is the proud mother of two children.

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