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SBA ANNOUNCES LLOYD A. BLANCHARD AS ITS NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today the appointment of Lloyd A. Blanchard, Ph.D, as its new chief operating officer. In his capacity as COO, Dr. Blanchard will oversee SBA’s daily operations nationwide.

“The agency will greatly benefit from Dr. Blanchard’s managerial experience and administrative skills, as well as from the depth and breadth of his contacts within the government, business and academic communities,” said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto upon announcing Dr. Blanchard’s appointment. “His accomplishments as both a scholar and public servant will be an asset to the SBA and will strengthen our managerial team.”

“I am thankful for the appointment and I welcome the opportunity to contribute in any way I can to further the SBA’s mission of promoting the growth and strengthening of America’s small businesses, which is, after all, where America works,” said Dr. Blanchard. I look forward to working with Administrator Barreto, his staff and the rest of the SBA’s employees nationwide to streamline the agency operations and make it even more effective.”

As COO, Dr. Blanchard will be responsible for implementing President Bush’s agenda for small businesses. He will have policy review authority for the SBA and will be responsible for overseeing the budgetary aspects of the agency operations.

Dr. Blanchard is an award-winning scholar who served as a Program Associate Director for the Office of Management and Budget before joining the SBA. While at OMB, Dr. Blanchard led the General Government Resource Management Office, which included managerial and budgetary oversight responsibilities for the SBA, as well as the departments of Transportation, Justice, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development and the General Services Administration.

Before joining the Bush Administration he was on the faculty of the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington. In 1999 he earned a Ph.D in public administration from Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs with a concentration in public finance and urban policy.

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Dr. Blanchard is a native of San Antonio, Texas, where he owns a home and has worked in the mortgage banking and hotel industries. In addition to his doctorate, he holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Texas at Austin, a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University.

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