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### *Julio Casiano joins the SBA Business Development Team in Connecticut*

The United States Small Business Administration (SBA), Connecticut District Director, Bernard Sweeney announced the addition of Mr. Julio Casiano to the staff of the Connecticut SBA office in Hartford, CT.

Mr. Casiano comes to the SBA from a thirty three year career in banking at several banks within the state, most recently at Sovereign Bank and Bank of America. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA) where he currently serves as a bi-lingual instructor of business computing and marketing courses. He has volunteered his time in leadership positions, serving on numerous boards and committees advancing housing, education and business development within the Spanish American community of Connecticut.

In commenting on the selection of Mr. Casiano to the Connecticut SBA, Mr. Sweeney said "Julio's extensive background in the banking industry and his longstanding commitment to provide ongoing professional development for Hispanic business owners provides a valuable blend of skills as small businesses throughout the state face unprecedented challenges. I am exceptionally pleased that we have been able to add someone with Julio Casiano's background and expertise to the Small Business Administration team in Connecticut".

A native of Puerto Rico, Julio was raised in New York City as the youngest of nine children. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Albertus Magnus College, in New Haven, CT. He is the father of two grown sons and now lives in Windsor, CT with his wife Evelyn.

SBA is a federal agency that assists small business owners with financing needs, business counseling and other services for small business owners without charge. For more information on the benefits provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act providing increased business loan guarantees with reduced fees, call the SBA District Office at 860-240-4700 or visit [www.sba.gov/ct](http://www.sba.gov/ct).

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