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SBA ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF SBA'S NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON – SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto has announced the appointment of Lisa Smittcamp Goeas, an experienced Capitol Hill manager, as the new chief of staff for the U.S. Small Business Administration.

As chief of staff, Goeas will serve as Administrator Barreto's primary adviser on internal agency affairs and external relations, including program and policy matters of national scope and impact. She will also monitor the overall effectiveness of agency program management and execution.

"I am delighted that we could get someone of Lisa Goeas' caliber as part of the management team at the SBA, and I'm impressed with her commitment to help us move the SBA toward the Administration's vision of what this agency can and should be," said Administrator Barreto. **"I am counting on her leadership to reach our goal of making the SBA America's number one small business resource."**

"It is an honor for me to work for this President and Administrator Hector Barreto. I'm excited at the opportunity to have a role in moving this Administration's agenda of a stronger working relationship between government and small business, and to help expand a growing economy by creating greater opportunities for small business," Goeas said.

Before joining the SBA, Goeas served as deputy chief of staff to former Senator Tim Hutchinson. She was responsible for the daily management of the Senator's Washington office, and served as a liaison between his Arkansas operations and Washington office.

Goeas, a native of Fresno, Calif., came from several generations of successful small business owners, and started her government career working with Sen. Hutchinson while he served in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Goeas worked on the Bush-Quayle presidential campaign, where she served as an information specialist. She holds a bachelor's degree in political economies of industrial societies from the University of California at Berkeley. She is married and the mother of a two-year-old daughter.

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