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## **Cheryl Mills Appointed To Head SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs**

**WASHINGTON** – Hector V. Barreto, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, today announced the appointment of Cheryl Mills, an experienced venture capitalist from New Jersey, as associate deputy administrator for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development.

Mills will manage the SBA's business development programs providing education, training, counseling and technical assistance to more than one million clients each year, nationwide. These programs include the Offices of Women's Business Ownership, Small Business Development Centers, Business and Community Initiatives, Native American Affairs, E-Small Business, the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the Business Information Centers.

"Cheryl's extensive financial knowledge and governmental background will make her a wonderful fit for the SBA," said Administrator Barreto. "We are excited to have her on board."

Before joining the SBA, Mills was the president of Bradford Investment Group, Inc. Based in Princeton, N.J., Bradford invests venture capital in seed and first- and second-stage companies and purchases mature, mid-size companies utilizing family and clients funds. Mills served as trustee and executive vice president of the Mills Foundation and was an investment banker at Wertheim Schroder & Co. Inc. She worked as assistant press secretary to former Congressman Al Quie of Minnesota.

Mills serves as a trustee of the \$66 billion New Jersey Pension Fund. Mills' leadership honors include an award from former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman for founding a highly successful nonprofit organization, Friends of Homeless Animals. She is a former trustee of the national women's organization Leadership America, and is a past fellow of Leadership New Jersey.

Mills holds a master's degree in business administration and finance from Fordham University and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky. She lives with her husband Bradford Mills in Princeton, N.J. She has a great passion for animals and is the owner of nine dogs.

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