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SBA Announces Team to Lead Office of Policy And Strategic Planning

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Small Business Administration has announced a new team to lead its Office of Policy and Strategic Planning: Meredith Davis and Jim Hammersley were tapped as assistant administrator and deputy assistant administrator respectively.

The Office of Policy and Strategic Planning develops strategic policy priorities, plans the implementation of policy initiatives that support these priorities, supplies timely and relevant policy advice to the agency's leadership, and synthesizes input and ideas from the Administration, the private sector, non-profit organizations, and the academic community to inform the agency's policy formulation process.

"As a leadership team, Meredith and Jim bring a strong combination of experience and expertise in policy making and implementation, and a wealth of knowledge of the intricacies of SBA's programs and major policies that have an impact on America's small businesses, such as health care, energy and international trade," said Administrator Steve Preston in making the announcement. "The Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, and the agency at large, will greatly benefit from their proven professional and leadership capabilities."

Davis originally joined the SBA in January 2007 in the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs. After six-months, she was appointed senior adviser to the Administrator on major policy issues impacting small business. Before joining the SBA, Davis had accumulated extensive experience on Capitol Hill in several roles that included senior adviser and legislative assistant to former Majority Leader Bill Frist and, before that, Sen. Fred Thompson.

Hammersley is a 30-year SBA veteran with extensive experience, primarily in the agency's loan programs. Until his appointment, Hammersley was the director of the Office of Commercial Loan Program. Also, he had been the program manager for the development of the SBA Express Program, the implementation of the Sacramento centralized loan processing center, and the SBA Pooling Program.

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