
New England Regional Office
10 Causeway Streets, Suite 812
Boston, MA 02222

Contact: Joan M. Trudell
Phone: 617-565-5572
Email: joan.trudell@sba.gov

Release Date: May 24, 2007
Release Number: 2007-02

SBA's Maine District Director Mary McAleney to Retire on 6/30/07 *Maine Native Maurice L. Dubé to Head Office*

Boston -- Mary McAleney, district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine District Office will retire from her position on June 30, 2007, according to an announcement made by Steven C. Preston, SBA Administrator. Ms. McAleney will be replaced by Maurice L. Dubé, a Maine native, and district director of the Massachusetts SBA office.

Ms. McAleney was named SBA's District Director in Maine in July 1998 after having served in that position at the SBA office in Massachusetts for three years. Prior to joining the SBA, McAleney worked for U.S. Senator George Mitchell in Washington, D.C. and served as chief of staff during his tenure as majority leader of the U.S. Senate.

A native of Maine, McAleney grew up in Vanceboro and attended St. Joseph's Academy in Portland. She is a graduate of Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts. After teaching school at Catherine McAuley High School in Portland, McAleney worked in the Maine legislature and as a field organizer for the Maine State Employees Association before becoming scheduler for Senator Mitchell.

"Mary has proven herself as a dedicated public servant, deeply committed to increasing opportunities for Maine's small businesses," said SBA Administrator Preston. "Her incredible energy and determination to deliver the most efficient and effective services possible to Maine's small business customers has been greatly appreciated and she will be missed. Although she's retiring from the SBA, I'm sure she will remain an outspoken champion for small businesses throughout the state."

"Mary has been a superb leader in her position as Maine's SBA District Director," said Charles E. Summers, Jr., SBA's New England Regional Administrator. She has worked tirelessly to make sure that every Maine business knows how to access the full range of SBA resources and leaves a legacy of building public/private partnerships throughout the state to make sure that Maine businesses and entrepreneurs have all the tools they need to get started, grow and succeed. The Maine business community is losing a dedicated champion but will gain another committed public servant with the appointment of Moe Dubé."

Maurice L. Dubé brings a broad range of experience to his new position. He worked for the Maine Department of Labor before taking a position with the Internal Revenue Service in northern Virginia in 1974, later moving to Maine. He transferred to the SBA in January 1987, serving as a liquidation loan officer before moving to the business development division, where he was promoted to assistant district director for business development and later, to deputy district director in the Maine office. Dubé was named SBA District Director in St. Louis, Missouri and has spent the last two years as district director at the SBA's Massachusetts District Office.

“I welcome Moe Dubé's return to the Maine District Office where he worked for 17 years in many roles, including deputy district director, before accepting positions as district director in SBA's St. Louis and Massachusetts District Offices,” said SBA Administrator Steven C. Preston. “Moe's wide range of experience and familiarity with Maine's banking community and economic development officials will have an immediate impact on SBA's programs and services to small businesses in Maine.”

The SBA offers financing, business counseling and federal procurement opportunities. For more information about SBA, visit www.sba.gov.

###