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Baker Tapped As GSA Northeast & Caribbean Regional Administrator

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. General Services Administration announced today that Emily Baker has been named Regional Administrator for GSA's Northeast & Caribbean Region, effective July 9, 2006.

In her role as principal executive of the region, Ms. Baker heads a GSA workforce of 750 employees across New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. GSA's Northeast & Caribbean Region has an annual operating budget estimated at \$1.9 billion and a real estate portfolio that includes 83 government-owned buildings and leased space in 448 commercial buildings. Ms. Baker will oversee a number of major projects, including the expansion of border stations along the U.S./Canadian border, the construction of a new federal courthouse in Buffalo, the return of federal tenants to the World Trade Center site and the development of the new U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

Ms. Baker has served as a Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator in the New York City-based Northeast & Caribbean Region since 2005. Prior to her service in New York, she served as Deputy Director for Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"I witnessed Emily's work ethic and expertise first-hand during my Senate Confirmation process, and am excited she's agreed to take on this formidable challenge," said GSA Administrator Lurita Doan. "I have the utmost confidence in her ability to lead the region, build consensus on critical issues, and to make other valuable contributions as a member of GSA's leadership team."

Prior to her work in government, Ms. Baker worked for Barbour Griffith & Rogers, a government affairs firm in Washington, D.C. Before coming to Washington in 2001, Ms. Baker worked for Idaho State Treasurer Ron Crane and the Idaho State Senate. She also served as a policy aide to former Idaho Gov. Philip Batt while attending Boise State University. While with the state treasurer's office, Ms. Baker was awarded the Small Business Administration's Vision 2000 award for her work in helping small businesses gain access to capital.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve President Bush and Administrator Doan as the regional administrator," Ms. Baker said. "Administrator Doan has set forth an exciting vision for GSA and I hope to have the Northeast & Caribbean Region be the vanguard in making it a reality."

A native of Idaho, Ms. Baker graduated from Boise State University with a degree in political science. She and her husband Michael and daughter Mackenzie reside in New Canaan, Conn.

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