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Two Coloradoans Named to SBA's National Advisory Council

Denver – Denise St. Cyr, Director of Corporate Development at Denver-based CADDO Solutions, and Wendel Torres, Managing Partner at Colorado Springs-based TORIX General Contractors, Inc. have been appointed as a member of the SBA's National Advisory Council.

“We're delighted to welcome both Denise St. Cyr and Wendel Torres as members of the National Advisory Council,” said Administrator Steven C. Preston. “I'm sure that both individuals will be a strong, independent voice for small business, someone we can rely on to inform and advise us on issues that are important to entrepreneurs across America. I personally will appreciate the opportunity to draw on Denise and Wendel's expertise as supporters of small business.”

The NAC serves as a key private sector advisory group to SBA, Congress, and the President on small business issues. The council includes small business owners and leaders who volunteer their time over the course of a two-year appointment to provide the SBA with diverse and expert advice, ideas, and opinions on small business issues and SBA programs nationwide.

Preston has asked each council member to be keenly aware of the challenges the President has outlined for the SBA. These include:

- Increasing small business access to capital, federal contracts and technical assistance,
- Expanding the availability of opportunities offered by SBA programs to as many small businesses as possible,
- Improving the SBA's programs to ensure that they remain relevant to all small businesses,
- Reducing the regulatory and paperwork burden on small businesses
- Serving as the voice of small businesses to the Bush Administration and as the President's eyes and ears in the small business community

Denise (Dee) St. Cyr is a member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. She is currently the Director of Corporate Development for CADDO Design & Office Products in Denver, Colorado, a Native American owned business. Dee brings 27 years of business acumen to CADDO as a former Director of Public Relations with U S WEST (a Fortune 50 company). Contact Dee at 303-534-3252.

Wendel Torres is one of the managing partners at TORIX General Contractors which is based in Colorado Springs. Started in 1987, TORIX has grown into one of the largest minority owned general contractors in the Rocky Mountain area. The firm has sales exceeding \$60 million, and over 100 employees. TORIX is a graduate of the SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program. Contact Wendel at 719-596-8114.

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