



Biography

Samuel C. (Sam) Jones **Regional Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration** **Region VII – Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri & Iowa**

Sam Jones, originally from Mt. Vernon, Missouri, was appointed as the Region VII SBA Administrator on November 1, 2001 to oversee district offices in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa. Agriculture, manufacturing, mining, service industries and the export of agricultural and food products make up the largest part of the economy in the region, where in fiscal year 2001, SBA approved more than 2,053 guaranteed loans for more than \$392 million.

He brings to his position a history of public service in high profile leadership roles as well as his personal experiencing running a small business and consulting other small business owners.

Mr. Jones served as a commissioned U. S. Army officer in the Far East after graduation from Army Intelligence School and graduated with a B.S in political science from Southwest Missouri State University and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Law.

He was appointed by former Missouri Governor and U.S. Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond as chairman of the Missouri State Tax Commission from 1981 to 1986 and coordinated the State of Oklahoma’s Ad Valorem Task Force from 1990-91. He has managed the Property Tax Practice in the North Central United States for an international accounting firm and served as Assistant to the President of Tenenbaum-Hill Associates, a Kansas City property tax consulting firm. He is a former Lawrence County, Missouri prosecutor and circuit court judge and made a bid for Missouri Attorney General in the 2000 statewide election cycle. Most recently, he practiced business and commercial law in private practice in Mt. Vernon, serving as a director for Southwest Missouri Legal Aid and as a member of the Missouri Bar Commission on Children and the Law. He is a member of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club and the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

He and wife Janice, and daughter Sarah now live in Lees Summit, Missouri, where Janice has her own real estate appraisal business. Two grown daughters live in the Kansas City metropolitan area.