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Sandford “Sandy” Blitz Named Regional Administrator for SBA’s Region I

WASHINGTON DC---Sandford “Sandy” Blitz has been appointed Regional Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Region I, the agency announced today.

In this capacity, Blitz will oversee SBA district offices in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut and will report directly to Administrator Steve Preston on those states’ implementation of agency programs.

Blitz has an extensive government and business background. A former Economic Development Representative for the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration, Sandy was responsible for overseeing programs to foster business growth throughout New England. He has also served as the Assistant Commissioner of Public Building Services at the General Services Administration and as Executive Assistant to Mayor Nicholas Panuzio in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

As an entrepreneur, Blitz understands firsthand the challenges of running a business and has in-depth knowledge of New England’s economic environment. Currently, he manages a consulting firm that assists public and private institutions in obtaining government grants and loans.

“I am pleased to bring Sandy on board to drive small business development and economic growth in SBA’s Region I,” said Preston. “His business and government background will help the agency increase outreach to underserved markets, assist small businesses seeking federal contracting opportunities and becoming a more customer-oriented organization.”

“I also want to thank Mark Hayward for the remarkable job he has done as acting Region I Administrator,” Preston added.

Blitz currently serves as the Executive Director for the East-West Highway Association and is the Executive Manager for the Bangor Target Area Development Corporation. He is a frequent guest speaker, published writer, and adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Public Administration at the University of Maine.

He received his bachelor’s degree from the Bernard M. Baruch School of Public and Business Administration at the City College of New York and his master’s in public administration from the University of Maine Graduate School. He is a resident of Hudson, Maine with his wife Mona.

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