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SBA Regional Administrator Charles E. Summers, Jr. Resigns as of June 8, 2007 Recalled to active duty by the United States Navy

BOSTON - New England Regional Administrator Charles E. Summers will resign from his position with the U.S. Small Business Administration as of June 8, 2007.

Summers has been recalled to active duty by the United States Navy. Summers, who joined the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1996, is a Lieutenant Commander attached to Naval Information Bureau 101, 5th Fleet, Bahrain.

Over the next year, LCDR Summers will be participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom, attached to U.S. Navy Strategic Communications, Multi-National Force – Iraq. Summers will be reporting to active duty on July 6, 2007.

Summers was sworn in as the SBA's New England Regional Administrator on March 7, 2005. In this capacity, he manages SBA district offices in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont and has oversight of the SBA's financing, marketing and outreach efforts in the six-state region.

Prior to assuming his position with the SBA, Summers served as state director for United States Senator Olympia Snowe from 1995 to 2004. He served both as a trusted advisor and a strong advocate for Mainers who needed help navigating federal agencies.

Summers was elected to the Maine State Senate (District 31) in 1990 and served on the Joint Standing Committees on Legal Affairs and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Upon re-election in 1992 he served as the ranking member on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Summers and his wife, Ruth, reside in Scarborough, ME and have two children; Tricia, a graduate of Queen's University in Ontario, Canada who currently lives and works in New York City and Chas, who will enter the U.S. Naval Academy in June 2007.

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