

Bridget Bean
District Director

In April of 2009, Bridget Bean was named District Director of the Washington Metropolitan District Office for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Bean served in numerous leadership positions within SBA's headquarters. Most recently, she served as Deputy Associate Administrator for the agency's 68 field offices across the nation. In this position, she was in daily contact with all the SBA District Directors— a strategic position that allowed her to identify the practices and habits of the most effective offices in the country.

Her experience in the areas of Small Business Advocacy, Government Contracting and Procurement, and Entrepreneurial Development Assistance, will have particular benefit for the more than 300,000 local firms including 1,6000 firms currently participating in the SBA's 8(a) Business Development program through the District Office. These previous positions provide her a keen understanding of policy development which will help her implement the key areas of SBA activity vital to the growth and development of small businesses in the Metropolitan D.C. area.

The SBA's Washington Metropolitan District Office has a staff of 30 professionals dedicated to providing timely service, of the highest quality, to existing and future small business owners.

She holds a BA in European Studies from George Mason University. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, Bridget brings a demonstrated commitment to small business growth and development for our local as well as our national well being.