



Nancy Libersky Appointed SBA District Director for Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS – The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Nancy J. Libersky to its top position as Director of its Minnesota District Office.

Libersky serves as the senior representative in Minnesota for the SBA, whose programs include facilitating loans to small businesses through commercial banks, advocating federal government contracting opportunities for small businesses, and working with local communities in all 87 Minnesota counties on entrepreneurial development and growth opportunities.

In her new position with SBA, Libersky is responsible for a staff of 14 professionals who advocate the interests of the small business community. With the goal of growing the state's economy and creating jobs, the Minnesota District Office approved 2,134 loan guarantees worth \$451 million during fiscal year 2009. It also served over 24,000 entrepreneurs through counseling provided by the District Office and its network of resource partners throughout the state while facilitating 52 government contracting opportunities totaling \$31 million for small disadvantaged businesses participating in the 8(a) Business Development Program.

Libersky brings to the position 20 years of federal experience, most recently serving as the Regional Manager for International Trade Programs with SBA's Office of International Trade. Her focus was on supporting small businesses exporters in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota by providing them technical assistance and finance options through government-guaranteed finance programs.

Before coming to SBA, Libersky served as the Director of the SBA 504 Certified Development Corporation covering southern Colorado. Early in her SBA career, Libersky drew on her extensive finance background to underwrite SBA domestic loan programs, and she served as

Acting Chief of Finance in SBA's Denver Regional Office. While in the Colorado Office, she served as Lead Surety Bond Guarantee Specialist and the Regional Women Business Ownership Coordinator.

Born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado, Libersky attended Colorado State University – Pueblo. She moved to the Twin Cities (and the Minnesota SBA District Office) in 1994. In addition to her service at SBA, she has served as an adjunct instructor at Saint Paul College teaching classes such as International Culture, International Marketing, Introduction to International Trade, International Communications and International Finance. She is a member of the Minnesota District Export Council, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, and is a member of several international organizations. Libersky lives in Maple Grove with her husband, Jim.

The Minnesota District Office is located at 100 N. 6th Street in the Butler Square Building in Minneapolis. More information is available on SBA programs and services by visiting the website www.sba.gov/mn or by calling (612) 370-2324.