TERRI DENISON, District Director U.S. Small Business Administration Georgia District Office

Terri Denison is the Georgia District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). In this role since May 2002, she oversees the implementation of the SBA's financial, counseling/training, and business development programs and resources for small businesses throughout Georgia.

Terri began her SBA career in 1987 as a Presidential Management Intern (Fellow) at the Agency's Washington, D. C. District and Headquarter Offices. Other positions included working with the Agency's former Minority Enterprise Development and One Stop Capital Shop programs and serving on the inaugural staff of the SBA's Office of Field Operations. In 1994, she served as the SBA representative on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Interagency Task Force. Terri has also served as the SBA Indiana Deputy District Director and Acting District Director in Wisconsin.

As Georgia District Director, Terri has been recognized by the Atlanta Business League, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Microenterprise Network, Greater Atlanta Economic Alliance, Atlanta Business Chronicle and Who's Who in Black Atlanta.

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas, Terri holds a B.A. Degree in American Government from Cornell University and an M.A. Degree in Urban Studies from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. She is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia. Prior to her SBA career, Terri served as the pro bono services coordinator at Neighborhood Legal Services of Thompkins County (NY) and graduate intern at the City of San Antonio's Department of Economic and Employment Development.

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