



Biography



Aikta Marcoulier **SBA Region VIII Administrator**

Aikta Marcoulier is the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) and Region VIII Administrator, based in Denver. As regional administrator she oversees delivery of the agency's small business programs and services in South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and Montana.

Prior to coming to the SBA, Marcoulier was the director of the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center in Colorado Springs, a resource partner of the SBA. Before joining the SBDC Aikta was the director of partnership marketing with the Professional Bull Riders (PBR). Marcoulier was also the program creator and manager of the Colorado SBDC's Cyber: CYA program (or Cyber: Cover Your Assets program) providing education, training, and one-on-one consulting to small businesses throughout Colorado. She is the founder of the Colorado Cybersecurity Leaders Roundtable and Region VIII Cybersecurity Leaders Roundtable. She participates on the National America's Small Business Development Association's (ASBDC) Cybersecurity Special Interest Group as the SBA liaison.

Marcoulier is involved in the El Pomar Emerging Leaders Program Asian-American Council and is an active board member of the Pikes Peak Workforce Development Board. She is on the Pikes Peak State College Business Advisory Board, is president of the Colorado Business Development Foundation, and is an Advisory Board member of the Racial Equity Fund.

Marcoulier received her MBA in global management from the University of Phoenix and undergraduate degrees in both economics and psychology from the University of Iowa. She was awarded the University of Iowa Leadership Award in 2011 and was named one of the Colorado Springs Business Journal's Rising Stars for 2013 and Women of Influence. Additionally, she earned the Colorado SBDC State Star Award in 2013 and led the Colorado Springs SBDC to earn the UCCS Deans Award, El Paso County Recognition Award, SBA Region VIII Award for Innovation and Excellence (2014 and 2020) and the Pikes Peak Arts Council Arts Advocacy Award. Most recently she was awarded the Small Business Champion award for 2023 from Red Leg Brewing Company, a Veteran Owned Small Business.

As Region VIII Administrator, Marcoulier oversees SBA's operations throughout its district offices located in Denver, CO.; Helena, MT.; Fargo, ND; Sioux Falls, SD; Salt Lake City, UT; and Casper, WY. Region VIII is SBA's most rural region in the country. It includes 27 tribal nations and covers more than 580,000 square miles of territory. Aikta Marcoulier can be reached at Aikta.Marcoulier@sba.gov.