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SBA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR ORDERED TO IRAQ

SUMMERS TO SERVE ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH U.S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – New England Regional Administrator Charles E. Summers of the U.S. Small Business Administration 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 New England Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration 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.

“It has been an honor to advance the interests of our nation’s small business owners, especially here in New England,” said Summers. **“I will miss the work of the SBA, but I look forward to this opportunity to serve the country in another capacity. This will undoubtedly be the most challenging assignment I’ve had since joining the Navy.”**

This is the second time Summers has been recalled to active duty since September 11, 2001.

“Charlie has been an invaluable asset to me in my efforts to improve the SBA. He has served with honor and distinction as New England Regional Administrator and he will most certainly be missed at the agency,” said SBA Administrator Steven Preston. **“At the same time, like millions of small businesses across the country, we recognize our obligation to support our citizen soldiers and our nation. We are very proud of his service to the country as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and wish him and his family the very best.”**

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, a U.S. Naval Academy Foundation student at the Northfield Mount Herman School in Gill, MA. Chas will enter the U.S. Naval Academy in June 2007.