

District Director – Lower Rio Grande Valley/Corpus Christi

KIMBERLY K. JONES



In June 2008, Kimberly K. Jones was appointed District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration Lower Rio Grande Valley District Office as well as the Corpus Christi Branch Office.

As District Director, she manages the implementation of key economic and outreach programs committed to providing quality, customer-oriented programs and services to all the small business community. The primary focus is to assist small businesses in their formation and growth in order to create jobs, grow incomes, and develop a strong and thriving economy in the Texas Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend.

Although new to the SBA, Jones is not new to small business nor economic development. For the last 20 years, Jones has faced challenging economic and weak business environments working throughout the U.S. and also internationally to improve and support small business development to promote economic growth and development. Much of her work has been with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) supporting economic recovery and development in many countries around the world.

Jones has had an array of economic development and small business experiences such as her roles as Economic Growth Team Leader for USAID in Timor-Leste (East Timor), as Senior Macroeconomist for USAID/Kosovo-Montenegro, as a Free Market Development Advisor for USAID in Nepal, as an advisor to the Sri Lankan Department of Agriculture, as an exporter/importer of clothing and jewelry from Thailand, and starting her professional life as a manager for a large club and restaurant in Aurora, Colorado.

Growing up in Oklahoma, she developed a “down-to-earth” style while her work and travels broadened her understanding of the world and international issues. Jones has a great passion for small business development and is devoted to employing all her experiences and education to help support the business community.

Jones earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Oklahoma State University, her Master’s degree in Agricultural Economics in International Trade and International Development from Oklahoma State University, and studied International Business and Management at “Thunderbird” (the American Graduate School of International Management).