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## ***SBA Announces Appointment of A. John Shoraka as Administrator for Region III***

**WASHINGTON** –The U.S. Small Business Administration today announced the appointment of A. John Shoraka as the Regional Administrator in Region III, to oversee the SBA’s programs and services in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

“Both the SBA and small businesses of the Mid-Atlantic will benefit greatly from John’s career in public service and his commitment to small businesses,” said SBA Administrator Karen Mills in welcoming Shoraka. “With his background in business development, international trade, government contracting, and management, John will be a tremendous asset for small businesses and entrepreneurs across the region as they turn to the SBA for the tools they need to grow and create jobs.”

"Having represented small business government contractors for over three years, I am very encouraged by the changes and accomplishments made by the SBA," Shoraka said. "I am excited to be working with Administrator Mills and the talented staff in SBA’s Region III to support small businesses and implement the President’s plans for small business job creation."

Shoraka currently serves as vice president at The Aries Group in Silver Spring, Md., a business and financial consulting firm where he is responsible for implementing multi-year projects throughout the world. He is currently chair of the Small Business Association for International Contractors, where he represents 26 small business contractors that provide services to the United States Agency for International Development. He has collaborated with USAID officials and Congress to promote equity in small business contracting and opportunities for small business contractors within USAID. In addition, Shoraka is adjunct faculty at Catholic University of America where he is teaching a course in international business.

Shoraka holds a B.S. from the University of Maryland, College Park and an MBA from the George Washington University.

The Region III office, headquartered in King of Prussia, Pa., oversees the SBA’s district offices in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wilmington, Del.; Baltimore, Md.; Clarksburg, W.V.; Richmond, Va., and Washington, DC.

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