

Boulanger Named Head of Belknap County Economic Development Council

Greg Goddard, Chair of the Belknap County Economic Development Council (BCEDC), is pleased to announce that Jennifer Boulanger has been promoted to Executive Director of the regional development corporation. Boulanger succeeds Eliza Leadbeater, who retired in April.

Boulanger is responsible for the development and delivery of programs and services of both a short- and long-range nature designed to increase and facilitate sustainable business growth in all sectors of Belknap County's economy.

Boulanger joined the BCEDC as Finance Manager in 2006. In addition to her new responsibilities, she will continue to direct the organization's budgets, grant administration, and revolving loan fund (RLF). The BCEDC established its loan fund in 1994, capitalized with loans from USDA/Rural Development, grants, contributions, and retained revenues. Since inception, the RLF has made 37 loans to Belknap County businesses totaling over \$6 million. In 2006, USDA Rural Development named the Belknap County Economic Development its New Hampshire Partner of the Year.

Prior to joining the Council, Boulanger was Vice President Commercial Lending at Ocean National Bank in Concord. She has an extensive financial background with more than ten years in commercial banking and finance. From 2001-2003 Boulanger was on loan from Citizens Bank to the BCEDC as an underwriter. Boulanger received both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

She currently resides in Northwood with her husband, Jeff, and two children. A graduate of the Concord Chamber's Leadership class, she is a member of the Laconia Rotary and volunteers in many civic and educational organizations.