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Belknap County Economic Development Council

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Commercial Lender Joins Economic Development Council

Gilford, NH: Greg Dickinson, Chair of the Belknap County Economic Development Council (BCEDC) is pleased to announce that Jennifer Boulanger has been selected to be the Finance Manager for the regional development corporation. Boulanger will report to the Executive Director, Eliza Leadbeater, and assume day-to-day responsibilities for the organization's budgets, grant administration, and revolving loan fund (RLF). The BCEDC established their 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 2000, the NH Small Business Administration recognized the organization as the Financial Advocate of the Year.

Prior to joining the BCEDC, Boulanger was Vice President Commercial Lending at Ocean National Bank in Concord. She has an extensive financial background with over fifteen years in commercial banking and finance. Boulanger was on loan from Citizens Bank to the BCEDC from 2001-2003 as an underwriter.

Boulanger received both her Bachelor's and Master's from the University of New Hampshire in Durham. She resides in Northwood with her husband, Jeff, and two children. She is a member of the Concord Rotary, a recent graduate of the Concord Chamber's Leadership class, and is a member of a major fundraising project for the Concord Hospital.

The BCEDC serves businesses and organizations through the 11 municipalities in Belknap County. It offers a range of support and technical services, in addition, to the RLF. Their offices are housed at the Lakes Venture Resource Center at Southern New Hampshire University – Laconia Center, 2 Airport Road, Gilford. Contact 603-524-3057 or www.bcedc.org for more information about the organization's services. Visit www.liveworkandplaynh.com for more information about the region.

