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Several Senior Employment and Training Administration Staff to Assume New Roles in October

WASHINGTON -- Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily Stover DeRocco has announced a series of senior management staff changes among leaders of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Shirley M. Smith, administrator of ETA's Office of National Response (ONR), will assume the agency's leadership role for Base Realignment and Closure activities that the department carries out in support of the Department of Defense. Smith's unique qualifications and previous experience will be critical to the department's success in this initiative.

ETA Region 1 (Boston) Administrator Douglas F. Small will assume duties as ETA's new administrator for the Office of National Response. Small served an earlier tour of duty in ONR as division chief of the National Emergency Grant unit. His additional experience as regional administrator will enhance his ability to effectively lead ETA's important ONR activities. The ONR is responsible for administering National Emergency Grants, the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, and the workforce investment system's rapid response activities.

Foreign Labor Certification Division Chief William L. Carlson will succeed Small as regional administrator in Boston. Carlson will bring the considerable management and leadership skills he demonstrated in re-engineering ETA's Foreign Labor Certification programs to his new assignment. Current Office of National Programs Administrator John R. Beverly will assume full responsibility for the Foreign Labor Certification programs.

"Each of these senior managers has contributed significantly to the success of their current assignments. I am pleased that they have agreed to accept these new challenges and to bring their considerable expertise to new parts of the Employment and Training Administration," Assistant Secretary DeRocco said. "ETA senior managers must be strong change agents to help ensure the public workforce investment system can respond to the needs of workers and businesses competing in the 21st century global economy."

In order to ensure smooth transitions, each of these assignments goes into effect October 1, 2005.

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