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Meredith West is Policy Director for Chairman David Vitter (R-LA) on the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. In her capacity on the Committee, West is responsible for all program and policy issues concerning the SBA, including lending programs and investment; trade and



exports; technical assistance and business counseling; government contracting and procurement; economic development; high growth firms; disaster recovery assistance; women's procurement and business development; veterans entrepreneurship; innovation; and Agency budget, management and oversight.

A 15-year veteran of small business policy, West has been with the Committee for nearly seven years, previously serving under former Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Senator James Risch (R-ID). Prior to her tenure with the Committee, she served as Assistant Administrator for Policy and Strategic Planning at the SBA (Senior Executive Service level) from 2007 - 2009, where she focused on reengineering the Agency's disaster program and bolstering small business exporting. Earlier in her career, West was a Legislative Assistant for former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. (R-TN) and former Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN).

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Meredith West was born and raised in Louisiana and graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. She comes from a family of entrepreneurs who continue to run a small business in rural Louisiana.

Ms. West currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia with her husband and two children.

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