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Office of Regulatory Streamlining names new leader

(Salem) — Kate Marx will serve as the new manager of the Office of Regulatory Streamlining, Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) Director Cory Streisinger announced today. Marx replaces Patrick Allen, who left the office to become deputy director of the DCBS Building Codes Division.

Marx has extensive experience in policy and public affairs. She has served as director, public affairs and government relations of the Metro Regional Government in Portland since 2003. She spent 10 years at the Tennessee Valley Authority, most recently as senior policy adviser, and served as marketing communications manager of the U.S. Forest Service in Portland.

In her new role she will facilitate the state government's effort to make business regulations faster, cheaper, and simpler without compromising standards and protections.

"Reducing the regulatory burden on businesses is key to attracting and retaining employers," said Governor Kulongoski. "Through my regulatory streamlining initiative, we have had great success in making it easier and less expensive for businesses to comply with regulations. But there is still much work to be done to make Oregon an even better place to do business."

Governor Kulongoski launched the Office of Regulatory Streamlining with his first Executive Order in 2003 to help rebuild Oregon's economy. Since then, the office has helped agencies with hundreds of projects, from simplifying permitting and licensing processes to eliminating redundant regulation and paperwork. The 2007 Legislature passed 25 regulatory streamlining bills, including one that allows the state to form the nation's first statewide e-building program, which will allow contractors to conduct building department business online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with any city or county in the state.

The Office of Regulatory Streamlining is housed in the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

"Kate Marx has had great success throughout her career in building coalitions and managing complex policy issues," Streisinger said. "With her vast experience and leadership skills, she is right person to continue the momentum behind the Governor's regulatory streamlining effort and take it to the next level."

Marx will begin work May 5.

"I look forward to collaborating with businesses and agencies throughout the state on this initiative, which is so important to Oregon's economic health," Marx said.

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The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, visit www.dCBS.oregon.gov. For more information on the Office of Regulatory Streamlining, visit www.streamline.oregon.gov.