



## **Associate Administrator Lisa Shimkat**

Lisa Shimkat is the Associate Administrator of the Office of Field Operations (OFO) and the Acting Associate Administrator for the Office of Manufacturing and Trade (OMT) at the U.S. Small Business Administration. In her OFO role, she oversees 66 District Offices and 10 Regional Offices across the country that connect with small businesses and entrepreneurs to provide access to capital, contracting assistance, and business development programs through the SBA and its resource partners.

In Lisa's OMT role, she leads a team of high-level finance specialists dedicated to supporting small manufacturers and exporters by facilitating access to capital through partnerships with financial institutions. Additionally, she oversees OMT's trade policy team, which advocates for small business interests in trade and international affairs.

Before joining the SBA, Lisa was the State Director of Iowa's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), where she led a network of fifteen centers throughout the state that provided business counseling and support to entrepreneurs. Under her leadership, the Iowa SBDC played a pivotal role in fostering small business growth, disaster recovery efforts, and rural business development. She has extensive experience in economic development, having managed a multimillion-dollar revolving loan fund to assist rural entrepreneurs and manufacturers in expanding their businesses, as well as serving as a plant manager for an agricultural rebuilder.

Lisa earned her Associate of Arts degree from Iowa Central Community College, followed by a Bachelor's and Master of Business Administration from Iowa State University. She has a long-standing commitment to small business advocacy, previously serving on the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies and holding a seat on the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board from 2019-2024. Additionally, she served three terms on America's SBDC, National Association Board and Chair. Outside of small business advocacy, she served on the Fort Dodge Community School Board of Education for over ten years.

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