

BRUCE THOMPSON JOINS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PREMIER LENDERS (NAPL) AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The National Association of Premier Lenders (NAPL) is pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Bruce Thompson as the Executive Director of the organization. As Executive Director of NAPL, Mr. Thompson will be actively engaged with senior officials at the SBA along with Members of Congress and staff to advance the NAPL legislative and administrative agendas.

Prior to joining NAPL, Mr. Thompson served as the Small Business Administration (SBA) Region IX Administrator from 2001 until 2008, laying a foundation of knowledge regarding the details of the inner-workings of the SBA. Additionally, Mr. Thompson was elected to the California State Assembly in 1994 and served through 2000. Mr. Thompson's public service to the State and within his community has helped him establish a close working relationship with many members of Congress and senior officials. Mr. Thompson's knowledge of the SBA 504 loan product and industry from his previous work experience, lends him the ability to promote the NAPL agenda and to be an advocate for the premier lenders of the SBA 504 loan program industry.

NAPL remains committed to successfully accomplish its precise agenda aimed at providing a strong advocacy voice for the Premier Certified Lenders Program (PCLP) through legislative and administrative means, and Mr. Thompson is a welcome addition to the NAPL leadership team. Bruce Thompson began his duties as Executive Director of NAPL, May 1, 2009 and will continue to work out of his current San Diego location.