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VERMONT HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY HIRES HOMEOWNERSHIP SPECIALIST

BURLINGTON, VT — Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) Executive Director Sarah Carpenter announced today the hiring of **Pat LaFond** of Georgia as Homeownership Specialist.

LaFond serves as one of the agency's primary contact persons with its lending partners for funding loans, resolving policy and procedural issues, and supporting outreach efforts. She also assists with the maintenance and development of homeownership policies and procedures.

LaFond has more than 14 years of financial services experience. Before joining VHFA, she spent a decade with Chittenden Bank in Burlington, most recently as Senior Collector in the credit collections department. Before that she worked for Peoples Trust Co. in St. Albans and Georgia.



Pat LaFond

VHFA was established by the Vermont Legislature in 1974 to finance and promote affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters. Since its inception, the agency has helped more than 24,000 households with affordable mortgages and nearly 6,000 families into affordable rental units.