

Winsky out at TEDCO

COO Wasilisin to take over as acting chief

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The head of the state's successful program to bring scientific research into the commercial marketplace is stepping down after three years on the job.

Renee M. Winsky, who has been president and executive director of the **Maryland Technology Development Corp.** since 2007 — and held the job on an interim basis since 2006, will resign Aug. 28, according to, a release from the organization. John Wasilisin, TEDCO's vice president and chief operating officer, will take over as acting chief.

A spokeswoman said Winsky would not discuss her departure on Friday, and that Wasilisin was out of town and unavailable. Winsky did not return a voicemail left on her cell phone. However, all indications pointed to a friendly split. Winsky is expected to reveal her plans this week.

TEDCO, an independent company that is overseen by the state, provides seed capital and other assistance to companies that want to commercialize technology developed in government laboratories, research universities and business incubators.

It was recognized in 2008 by

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Entrepreneur Magazine as the country's most active early-stage investor for the fifth consecutive year.

C. Warren Mullins, vice chairman of TEDCO's board of directors, referred to Winsky questions about her specific plans. But he said she was leaving for another position and it was an amicable departure.

"We're very sorry to see her go. She's done a superb job for TEDCO," he said, outlining achievements such as the implementation of the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund and the development of a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service. "We have been very happy to have her."

Mullins is also vice president for strategic planning and business development at **Battelle**, a nonprofit research and development firm.

Similarly, Board Treasurer Jay Steinmetz, CEO of Baltimore-based **Barcoding Inc.**, said Winsky and TEDCO have a good relationship, but he would not discuss where she is going because her new employer has planned an announcement for Monday.

"Everybody is happy, but she's going to try a new challenge," he said.

Steinmetz also said that Wasilisin has earned the board's trust in his current role.

"We all hope that he will continue to be as competent in his new capacity," he said.

The board plans a nationwide search to replace Winsky, but Steinmetz said Wasilisin has a good chance of keeping the job if he does well. Winsky got the top job at the corporation after serving as acting chief



beginning in 2006 after Philip Singerman left the organization.

Winsky came to TEDCO in 2000.

Wasilisin took his current position at TEDCO in 2007, and has also worked in high-level positions for the **Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation**, the **Department of Budget and Management** and Baltimore County.

Del. John L. Bohanan Jr., D-St. Mary's, chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee that oversees TEDCO, said Winsky had a good relationship with lawmakers.

"She was very good to work with and she served us well during her tenure," he said.

Donald C. Fry, president and CEO of the **Greater Baltimore Committee**, said Winsky steered TEDCO well, and he thinks Wasilisin is well suited for the "very important position."

