

executive suite



Robert M. Rooney, Jr.

Peerless Insurance, a Liberty Mutual Agency Corporation regional company, has made two executive appointments.

Robert M. Rooney, Jr., was appointed regional vice president of the New Hampshire-Vermont region. Rooney has been with Peerless Insurance for more than 22 years, and has served as surety manager for N.Y. and N.J., territory manager in the Syracuse, N.Y. region, and was named vice president of marketing in June 2004. In his new role, Rooney will be responsible for profitable growth of commercial lines business, maintaining strong agency relations in N.H. and Vt., will manage a staff of approximately fifty employees and will oversee marketing, underwriting, and policy administration operations in those states. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics, and holds the CPCU and AFSB professional designations.



Carl J. Canales

was appointed to succeed Rooney as marketing vice president. Canales was formerly with Colorado Casualty, another Liberty Mutual Agency Corporation regional company. Canales has been a marketing consultant with Colorado Casualty since July 2008. He joined the company in May 2004 as a territory manager.

As marketing vice president, Canales will be responsible for agency distribution management, administration of agent incentive plans and overall marketing strategy for Peerless' eight-state territory. Canales graduated from Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in

business administration—marketing and holds the CIC professional designation.

Both Rooney and Canales will report to Michael R. Christiansen, president and chief executive officer of Peerless Insurance.

OneBeacon Expands Underwriting Team

OneBeacon Technology Insurance, a member of the OneBeacon Insurance Group, has expanded its underwriting management team by appointing **Mary Fisk-Bieker**, CIC, as vice president and central and eastern territories underwriting manager.

Fisk-Bieker has over 25 years of insurance experience, 23 years of which have focused on all lines of coverage for the technology industry. Prior to joining OneBeacon, she served as regional underwriting director at CNA.

This appointment rounds out OneBeacon Technology's underwriting management team, which includes: **Clyde Jones**, vice president of field management and southeast region underwriting manager; and **Paul Heidel**, vice president and western region underwriting manager.



Robert Bikash

to oversee the company's financial and administrative planning.

Bikash most recently served as finance director and business manager of a landscape architectural business in Newport, R.I. and formerly was financial project manager for the State of Rhode Island Department of Administration.

He will work directly with Bob Padula, chairman and chief executive officer of the Gencorp Insurance Group and Joe Padula, executive vice president and treasurer of the firm.

Bikash holds a master's degree of business administration from the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College and a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Bikash has been involved with mentoring students at his former colleges.

Gencorp Insurance Group, with headquarters on Main Street in East Greenwich, R.I., has announced the appointment of **Robert Bikash**

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