



MACDONALD RETIRING FROM MBR, CHESLOFF NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alan Macdonald is retiring after 23 years as executive director of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable and JD Chesloff has been named his successor at the non-profit public policy organization composed of chief executive officers from leading industries. Chesloff has worked as deputy director of the business roundtable for the past seven years. The news was announced after the organization's annual meeting at State Street Corporation. Before joining MBR, Macdonald worked as manager of government relations for General Electric, manager of public affairs for the Gulf Oil Corp., and as an assistant attorney general. Jondavid Chesloff worked previously as legislative director for former state Treasurer Shannon O'Brien and as deputy budget director of the House Ways and Means Committee. Chesloff chairs the board of the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. MBR officials on Tuesday adopted four priorities for improving the state's competitiveness this year: partnering with Bentley University on a benchmarking survey of top executives; continuing its work on STEM education; working with public officials on service regionalization efforts, and convening the group's own members to examine their criteria for business investment decisions.