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CDFA Launches Development Finance ‘Research & Advisory Services’

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) has today launched a new offering, **Research & Advisory Services**, for delivering development finance consulting services to economic development organizations throughout the U.S.

CDFA’s **Research & Advisory Services** is an expansion of the Council’s existing technical assistance expertise that provides a peer-based approach to organizational consulting. Members of the Council’s development finance network are selected for each project’s needs. CDFA offers services such as strategic planning, training seminars and workshops, program evaluation, white papers, and more on development finance tools, including bonds, TIF, innovation finance, tax credits, lending programs, and more.

“CDFA’s **Research & Advisory Services** is the nation’s first non-profit information and consulting service solely dedicated to development finance,” said CDFA President & CEO Toby Rittner. “The Council’s goal is to maximize the effectiveness of the industry, and we are proud to offer these successful, affordable, peer-to-peer services to CDFA members and non-members alike.”

“With our expanded and more formal approach, the new **Research & Advisory Services** offering from CDFA will provide targeted expertise and consulting services to state and local development leaders and help align precious public financing resources with community needs,” Toby added.

CDFA’s **Research & Advisory Services** represent a new and formalized approach to the technical assistance offered by the Council in the past. CDFA has had a long and successful history of providing assistance to development finance organizations, including Business Oregon, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, LISC Milwaukee, New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Summit County Port Authority, and the Texas Economic Development Council.

Organizations interested in learning more about CDFA’s **Research & Advisory Services** should visit www.cdfa.net or contact CDFA at info@cdfa.net or 614-224-1300.

The **Council of Development Finance Agencies** is a national association dedicated to the advancement of development finance concerns and interests. CDFA is comprised of the nation’s leading and most knowledgeable members of the development finance community representing public, private and non-profit entities alike. For more information about CDFA, visit www.cdfa.net.

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