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**CDFA Florida Financing Roundtable Launched
-- First Conference to Take Place May 21 in Orlando --**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of the **CDFA Florida Financing Roundtable**. The Roundtable is dedicated to developing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Florida and will bring the development finance industry together through education, resource development, research and networking.

“CDFA is very proud to announce the launch of this new state roundtable for the development finance industry in Florida,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “Florida has been very active in CDFA over the years and launching this Roundtable is a milestone achievement for both CDFA and the leadership in the state.”

The CDFA Florida Financing Roundtable will offer webcasts, online resources, live events and a dedicated state finance newsletter in the coming months. Topics covered will include bonds, tax increment finance, tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed and venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

To kick-off the Roundtable, CDFA will host a one-day conference titled, “[Advancing Development Finance in the Sunshine State](#)” in Orlando. The conference will be held on May 21, 2014 and will feature a number of economic development finance experts and leaders from around the state discussing new development finance tools, authorities, resources and approaches, and how these methods can move Florida’s economy forward. Registration is available [online](#).

CDFA has a very strong presence in Florida with eight member organizations located in the state and hundreds of professionals engaged in CDFA on an ongoing basis. Florida is also represented within CDFA’s leadership with Tony Portuondo from The Bank of New York Mellon serving as a CDFA Board Member.

As part of this launch, the CDFA Florida Financing Roundtable Advisory Committee was established to help lead the initiative’s programming and direction. Advisory Committee participation is open to all active CDFA members. Interested stakeholders should contact CDFA to serve on the Advisory Committee. To learn about membership, visit the CDFA website.

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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