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**CDFA & Business Oregon Launch Oregon Financing Roundtable  
-- New Partnership Will Build Development Finance Network in Beaver State --**

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

The CDFA Oregon Financing Roundtable is supported and endorsed by Business Oregon and will be a unique state/national partnership for the development finance and economic development industries in Oregon.

“CDFA is very proud to announce the launch of this new state roundtable for the development finance industry in Oregon,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “Oregon has been very active in CDFA over the past three decades and launching this Roundtable is a milestone achievement for CDFA. In 2010, CDFA hosted the National Development Finance Summit in Portland and, in 2011, CDFA partnered with Business Oregon to host the Oregon Private Activity Bond Finance Conference. We are equally proud to build this new Roundtable in partnership with Business Oregon and the leadership in the state.”

CDFA began discussions to launch this new Roundtable last year. Enthusiasm for this initiative was very high, and support has poured in from throughout the state to help CDFA launch this effort. Most notably, CDFA and Business Oregon have entered into an exclusive partnership agreement to build the initiative.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Business Oregon to benefit from CDFA’s knowledge and leadership in economic development finance,” said Tim McCabe, Director of Business Oregon. “We are pleased to collaborate with the CDFA team to bring new resources, tools, and partners to grow local economic development in Oregon.”

The Roundtable is the first CDFA effort in the Pacific Northwest and is an area that CDFA is extremely interested in expanding into. The Roundtable will be offering webcasts, online resources, live events and a dedicated state finance newsletter in the coming months. Topics covered will include bonds, redevelopment, tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed and venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

The Roundtable will be kicked-off with a free statewide webcast titled, “[Unlocking the Development Finance Toolbox in Oregon.](#)” The webcast will be held on May 23, 2013 at 11:00 am (PDT), and will feature a panel of state and local experts from throughout Oregon exploring the depths and potential for unlocking the development finance toolbox in the Beaver State. The webcast is free and open to all. Registration for this event is available at [www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net).

CDFA has a very strong presence in Oregon with members located throughout the state and hundreds of professionals engaged in CDFA on an ongoing basis. Oregon is also well represented within CDFA's leadership with two development finance leaders serving on the Council's Board of Directors.

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](http://www.cdfa.net).

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