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2015 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients Announced
—Distinguished Leaders Recognized by Council—

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the recipient of the 2015 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award. This year's winners will be presented the award during a special ceremony at the 2015 National Development Finance Summit in Charleston, SC on November 5.

In 2011, the CDFA Board of Directors created the CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the development finance industry throughout their professional career. In order to be eligible, candidates must have made innovative and lasting contributions that have had an impact on the way development finance programs are operated, managed and administered. Individuals may also be eligible for the award if they have made significant legislative contribution to the advancement of new development finance tools, strategies, and approaches. This year, the Council is recognizing two very distinguished leaders. The recipients of the 2015 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award are:

Gene Eagle, Gene Eagle Consulting LLC. Gene Eagle served as Vice President for the Arkansas Development Finance Authority from 1985-2014 and President from 2014 - April, 2015. As Vice President for the ADFA, Mr. Eagle was responsible for the staffing, operation and management of the Authority's development finance programs. He was responsible for implementation and administration of two equity investment programs, the Arkansas Institution Fund, the Arkansas Risk Capital Matching Fund, the Seed and Angel Capital Network, and the ADFA Co-Investment Fund. Other work experience includes a private mortgage broker firm in Little Rock, Plunkett, Boerner and Associates, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, and Mclroy Bank in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

James W. Parks II, President and CEO of Louisiana Public Facilities Authority. Jim Parks joined the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA) in August of 1995 and has served as its chief executive officer since that time. Mr. Parks has full administrative responsibility for all aspects of the LPFA's activities, which include low-cost financing for hospitals, hospital equipment, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, manufacturing facilities, industrial construction, and economic development projects. Mr. Parks' position of President and CEO includes direct supervision of all aspects of the Louisiana Education Loan Authority (Lela), the education loan division of the LPFA. During Mr. Parks' tenure, the LPFA has issued over \$13.2 billion of bonds for a wide variety of projects.

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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