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**CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Launched
-- First Free Webcast to Take Place February 20 --**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative: the **CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable**. The Roundtable is dedicated to developing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Georgia 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 Georgia,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “Georgia has been very active in CDFA over the past decade and launching this Roundtable is a milestone achievement for both CDFA and the leadership in the state.”

CDFA began discussions to launch this new Roundtable in October of last year with over twenty-five stakeholders from throughout the state attending an exploratory meeting in Atlanta. Enthusiasm for this initiative was very high, and support has poured in from throughout the state to help CDFA launch this effort.

The CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable is the first state roundtable launched by CDFA in the south 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, 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 free, statewide webcast titled, “Unlocking the Development Finance Toolbox in Georgia.” The webcast will be held on February 20, 2013 at 1:00pm Eastern, and will feature a panel of state and local experts from throughout Georgia exploring the depths and potential for unlocking the development finance toolbox in the Peach State. The webcast is free and open to all. Registration is available at www.cdfa.net.

CDFA has a very strong presence in Georgia with dozens of member organizations located in the state and hundreds of professionals engaged in CDFA on an ongoing basis. Georgia is also well represented within CDFA’s leadership with both Amanda Rhein from Invest Atlanta and Cheryl Strickland from Stifel Nicolaus serving on the Council’s Board of Directors.

As part of this launch, CDFA will be establishing a CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Advisory Committee to help lead the programming and direction of the initiative. Interested stakeholders should contact CDFA to get engaged in the Advisory Committee. Advisory Committee participants must be members of CDFA. To learn about membership in the Council 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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