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**CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable Launched
-- First Free Webcast to Take Place April 24 --**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative: the **CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable**. The Roundtable is dedicated to developing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Texas 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 Texas,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “CDFA has conducted dozens of events and supported numerous educational activities in Texas, and the launch of this new roundtable is a natural next step for the Council.”

CDFA began discussions to launch this new Roundtable several months ago and has held preliminary meetings with state stakeholders concerning the viability of the new initiative. Enthusiasm for this initiative has been very high, and support has poured in from throughout the state to help CDFA launch this effort.

In 2006, CDFA held its National Development Finance Summit in Austin with overwhelming success. That event spurred ongoing state educational trainings over the following years and has led to the formal launch of the Roundtable. The CDFA Texas Financing 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 Texas.” The webcast will be held on April 24, 2013 at 1:00pm Eastern (12:00pm Central), and will feature a panel of state and local experts from throughout Texas exploring the depths and potential for unlocking the development finance toolbox in the Lone Star State. The webcast is free and open to all. Registration is available at www.cdfa.net.

CDFA has a very strong presence in Texas with dozens of member organizations located in the state and hundreds of professionals engaged in CDFA on an ongoing basis. Texas is one of the most active states involved in CDFA and has hosted nearly a dozen events in the Council’s thirty plus year history.

As part of this launch, CDFA will be establishing a CDFA Texas 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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