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**CDFA Announces Winners of CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards  
— *Winners to receive awards at annual Georgia Conference in June* —**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the winners of the 2015 CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards.

“Each year CDFA is proud to honor excellence in development finance. The work of our award winners is cutting-edge, innovative and an example of best practices in our industry,” said Toby Rittner, CDFA President & CEO.

The CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards recognize outstanding development finance programs, agencies, leaders, projects and success stories. These awards, presented at the CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Conference, honor excellence in the use of financing tools for economic development, as well as the individuals who champion those efforts. This year’s honorees include:

**CDFA Excellence Award: Leadership – Daniel McRae**

CDFA is proud to award **Daniel McRae** with the 2015 CDFA Georgia Finance Roundtable Excellence Award for Leadership. Mr. McRae serves as a partner in the Atlanta office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP where he is well-known for his management of finance and investment transactions. His experience has resulted in transactions totaling billions of dollars, and his expertise is valued by a number of companies and communities for his assistance in obtaining successful project locations. Mr. McRae is also renowned for his work as a bond lawyer, in addition to being the first attorney to be elected director of the Georgia Economic Developers Association.

**CDFA Excellence Award: Program - Georgia Department of Community Affairs SSBCI Program**

CDFA is pleased to announce the **Georgia Department of Community Affairs** as the winner of the 2015 CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Program Award for their work with the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) program. Four programs are offered through the state: Loan Participation Program, Funding for CDFIs, Small Business Credit Guarantee, and Capital Access Program. The Department has done an exceptional job of engaging stakeholders in an effort to tailor programs specific to the state’s primary business needs. Georgia’s SSBCI program is nationally recognized for its success in funding CDFI’s, as the Department has made the largest dollar amounts of loans or investments through CDFIs of any other state, amounting to \$72 million in 2013.

The CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable Conference Excellence Awards will be formally presented at the 2015 CDFA Georgia Financing Roundtable, in Atlanta, Georgia on June 4.

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).