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CDFA Washington Roundtable Endorsed by 4 State Associations
—Endorsements to Strengthen Development Finance in Region—

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the **Washington State Department of Commerce**, the **Washington State Housing Finance Commission** (WSHFC), the **Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority** (WHEFA), and **Washington Economic Development Finance Authority** (WEDFA) as official endorsers of the **CDFA Washington Financing Roundtable**. The Roundtable is dedicated to developing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Washington and will bring the development finance industry together through education, resource development, research and networking.

“CDFA is very proud to have the support of all four of these influential State Organizations,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “We are excited to be moving forward and begin building this initiative together.”

The CDFA Washington Financing Roundtable will offer webcasts, online resources and a dedicated state finance newsletter in the coming months. Topics covered will include bonds, tax increment finance/special assessment, tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed and venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

“The Department of Commerce is pleased to support and be part of the Council of Development Finance Agencies first Roundtable conference here in Washington,” said Director, Brian Bolender. Successful conferences in other states have helped bring together local and government development finance industry leaders. This is an exciting initiative dedicated to growing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state through education, engagement, research and networking.”

“The Washington State Housing Finance Commission is very pleased to endorse the CDFA Washington Financing Roundtable,” said Kim Herman, Executive Director for both WSHFC and WHEFA. “CDFA provides very helpful information we use in several of our programs, and we look forward to participating in the Financing Roundtable to share our information and learn from others”

“The Washington Economic Development Finance Authority has been financing economic development in the state for nearly 20 years. CDFA’s willingness to bring its national experience to Washington through the Washington Roundtable will be a great asset to the financing provided both by WEDFA and by all of Washington’s development finance community,” said Executive Director Rodney Wendt.

As part of this launch, the CDFA Washington Financing Roundtable Advisory Committee has been established to help lead the initiative’s programming and direction. Advisory Committee participation is open to all active CDFA members. Interested stakeholders should contact CDFA to serve on the Advisory Committee. To learn about membership, visit the CDFA website.

More information regarding the CDFA Washington Financing Roundtable conference is now available at www.cdfa.net.

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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