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CDFA Launches CDFA – BNY Mellon Development Finance Webcast Series

Cleveland, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the launch of the new CDFA - BNY Mellon Development Finance Webcast Series. This innovative and cutting edge Webcast Series will take an in-depth look at the topics of current significance and impact within the development finance industry.

The monthly Webcast Series is aimed at addressing real-time issues through the perspective of the industry's top leaders, giving the entire development finance industry access to these critical discussions. The Webcast Series will include panels of speakers discussing topics, challenges, opportunities and critical issues within the capital markets, municipal bond, state and local finance and general economic development communities.

"The launch of the CDFA - BNY Mellon Development Finance Webcast Series is an exciting initiative which allows development finance professionals to stay current and informed on critical issues in our industry," said CDFA President & CEO Toby Rittner. "These free webcasts will explore how current events in our industry are shaping the development finance conversation and impacting communities throughout the country."

The hour-long dialogues will allow participants, no matter their location, to join the discussion, view presentations and interact with experts around the country. Webcasts are open to all interested stakeholders in the economic development, public finance and government leadership industries from both the private and public sectors.

"This collaboration between BNY Mellon and CDFA bridges the private and public sectors to address key issues in our industry," said Troy Kilpatrick, managing director and head of the Corporate and Public Finance Group within BNY Mellon Corporate Trust. "The CDFA - BNY Mellon Development Finance Webcast Series is an innovative program to promote education and dialogue for development finance professionals."

The first CDFA - BNY Mellon Development Finance Webcast will take place March 16, 2010 with the first Webcast covering the Capital Markets Perspective. Subsequent Webcasts will be held the third Tuesday of each month throughout the year. Webcasts will also be recorded and saved for future review by individuals not able to attend the live presentations. To learn more about and to register for a Webcast, visit www.cdfa.net.

The preliminary schedule of the CDFA - BNY Mellon Development Finance Webcast Series is as follows:

March 16:	Capital Markets Perspective
April 20:	Regulatory Issues Debate
May 18:	How the Stimulus Is Changing the Municipal Bond Landscape
June 22	Real Estate Bust Impact on Tax Increment Finance
July 20:	Who's Buying Bonds – A Bond Buyer Roundtable
August 24:	The Realities of Renewable Energy Finance
September 21:	Debate Forum: Eminent Domain & Development Finance
October 19:	The Development Finance Toolkit
November 23:	Development Finance for Newly Elected Officials
December 21:	Capital Markets Year in Review & 2011 Forecast

The [Council of Development Finance Agencies](http://www.cdfa.net) 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 or e-mail info@cdfa.net.

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