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CDFA Illinois Financing Roundtable Launched *First Webcast to Take Place December 10*

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative: the **CDFA Illinois Financing Roundtable**. The Roundtable is dedicated to developing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Illinois 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 community in Illinois,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “Illinois has been one of CDFA’s most active and supportive states during our thirty year history. 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 September with over thirty stakeholders from throughout the state attending an exploratory meeting in Chicago. Enthusiasm for this initiative was very high, and support has poured in from throughout the state to help CDFA launch this effort. The Roundtable will be offering webcasts, online resources, live events and a dedicated state finance newsletter in the coming months.

To kick-off the Roundtable, CDFA will host a free, statewide webcast titled, “Unlocking the Development Finance Toolbox in Illinois.” The webcast will be held on December 10, 2012 at 2:00pm Eastern, and will feature a panel of state and local experts from throughout Illinois exploring the depths and potential for unlocking the development finance toolbox in the Prairie State. The webcast is free and open to all. Registration is available at www.cdfa.net.

CDFA has a very strong presence in Illinois with 23 member organizations located in the state and over 850 professionals engaged in CDFA on an ongoing basis. Illinois represents CDFA’s third most active state and has two members represented on the CDFA Board of Directors.

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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