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CDFA-Stern Brothers Renewable Energy Finance Webcast Series to Continue in 2013

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce that the **CDFA-Stern Brothers Renewable Energy Finance Webcast Series** will continue in 2013. This free five-part webcast series will look at new and innovative trends in renewable energy finance as well as energy-related topics of current significance impacting the development finance industry.

Energy development is one of the fastest growing sectors in the U.S. economy, and there are a variety of emerging financing tools spurring this growth. Each region of the country finances renewable energy production and development with its own unique approach. This Webcast Series is aimed at addressing how renewable energy is financed throughout the country by bringing in the perspective of the industry's top leaders.

"CDFA is very grateful for the continued support of Stern Brothers," said CDFA President & CEO, Toby Rittner. "We're looking forward to working with them to develop engaging discussions this year about the most pressing topics in renewable energy finance."

The first **CDFA-Stern Brothers Renewable Energy Finance Webcast Series** titled "A New Era of Energy in the Midwest" will take place on Thursday, January 24 at 1:00pm EST. Future webcasts will be held on April 11, August 8, September 26 and November 14. Webcasts will also be recorded and saved for future review by individuals not able to attend the live presentations. Learn more and register for the Webcast online.

"There are many different approaches being taken to encourage the development of renewable energy resources around the U.S., and this webinar series will take an in-depth look at three or four tools that are being used in each of the Midwest, the Northeast, the West and the Southeast," said Les Krone, Managing Director and Co-Head of the Alternative Energy Finance Group at Stern Brothers & Co.

The hour-long dialogues 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, energy finance, public finance and government leadership industries from both the private and public sectors.

Stern Brothers & Co., member SIPC, is an independent, certified woman-owned business enterprise (WBE) investment bank specializing in creating customized financing solutions for public and private borrowers. Stern Brothers & Co. has a national practice in renewable energy finance representing public and private company developers and operators seeking non-recourse project financing in the ethanol, biodiesel, coal gasification, methane gas, biomass, and waste-to-energy sectors. For more information about Stern Brothers & Co., visit www.sternbrothers.com.

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