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CDFA Recognizes Chris Wimsatt, DFCP

—*Newest Graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program*—

Columbus, OH - The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to congratulate Chris Wimsatt, Vice President of Business Development, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Wimsatt joins numerous others who have invested in their professional development and are ready to tackle the complexities of the development finance industry.

“We are thrilled to welcome Chris into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” says Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “His commitment to equity in his community is a reflection of the quality of graduates we see work through the DFCP Program.”

Chris Wimsatt is the Vice President of Business Development for Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation, focusing on business recruitment, marketing activities, and special initiatives for a public-private development organization representing Volusia County, Florida. Additionally, Chris works closely with local and national partners including financial organizations, real estate development groups, government organizations, and workforce service providers to increase the development capacity of Volusia County and encourage capital investment into the area.

Prior to his Team Volusia EDC appointment, Chris had been serving as the Economic Development Director for a municipality in Ohio. He also served as the Economic and Workforce Development Director at the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, a regional economic development organization serving nine counties assisting companies and communities in the areas of business recruitment and retention, as well as statistical research and strategic planning. In addition to his community-based work, Chris has been a small business owner himself and frequently assists his family with their small business in the Dayton, Ohio area. Chris has served on a variety of development-related boards over the years, including his role as the President of the I-70/75 Development Association and board leadership within the Ohio Economic Development Association as well as the Ohio Entrepreneurship Roundtable. He is an active member of several professional associations including ICSC, IAMC, IEDC, CoreNet, and FEDC.

Mr. Wimsatt was born and raised in the Dayton, Ohio area earning his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and a master's in Community and Economic Development from Penn State University. Additionally, he obtained his professional accreditations as a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) as well as a Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) and was named a North American Top 50 Economic Developer by Consultant Connect in 2017. He currently lives in Port Orange, Florida with his wife and two children.

CDFA's **Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program** is an intense training course learning experience and is the industry's only comprehensive development finance professional certification program. The DFCP Program is designed to produce graduates with a comprehensive knowledge of development finance concepts, tools, and applicability as well as a deep understanding of the entire development finance spectrum. Graduates of the DFCP Program gain valuable knowledge and experience within the complex development finance industry and achieve a level of understanding unmatched by any other professional certification program.

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