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CDFA Recognizes Austin Stone, DFCP

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

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Austin Stone, Underwriting Associate for Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Stone joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as emerging leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is always looking to engage the best and brightest in development finance with this program, and we are happy to welcome Austin into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “We hope that through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to employ development finance tools in the communities where they work and live.”

Austin Stone works as an underwriter at Arthur J. Gallagher Co., specializing in insurance brokerage and risk management. Concurrently, he is pursuing a Master's in Global Risk at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Previously, Mr. Stone served as an Account Executive at Darktrace, focusing on the US Critical Infrastructure team. In this role, he collaborated closely with water and sewer utilities, power generation firms, and municipal governments to enhance cybersecurity defenses for IT and OT systems, particularly against state-sponsored threats. Before Darktrace, he gained experience at PitchBook Data, a private capital markets data company.

Mr. Stone holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Washington in Seattle, with minors in International Studies and History. He will use his Development Finance Certified Professional designation to leverage expertise in advancing public-private partnerships.

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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