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## CDFA Launches Maryland Financing Roundtable

*—Endorsed by the Maryland Department of Commerce—*

Columbus, OH - The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of the CDFA Maryland Financing Roundtable. The Roundtable is dedicated to growing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Maryland and will bring the development finance industry together through education, resource management, research, and networking.

"CDFA is very proud to announce the launch of this new roundtable in such a key state," said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. "Maryland has always been very active in CDFA since our organization's beginning and launching this Roundtable is a milestone for both CDFA and the leadership of the state. We are very pleased to have the Department of Commerce endorse our work moving forward."

The CDFA Maryland Financing Roundtable, endorsed by the Department of Commerce, will offer an annual conference, webcasts, online resources and dedicated state finance newsletters in the coming months. Topics covered will include bonds, tax increment finance/special assessment, tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed & venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

"The Maryland Department of Commerce looks forward to this first CDFA Roundtable in Maryland, which will bring together economic development professionals to discuss ways to continue to grow Maryland's economy, attract and expand companies and add jobs," said Maryland Commerce Secretary Mike Gill. "The Roundtable will offer an excellent opportunity to share best practices and gather input from all stakeholders on what we do best and what we can do better."

More information regarding the CDFA Maryland Financing Roundtable conference will be available at [www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net) soon.

As the state's primary economic development agency, the **Maryland Department of Commerce** stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing financial assistance to Maryland companies. The Department also promotes the state's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism. For more information about the Department of Commerce, visit: [commerce.maryland.gov/](http://commerce.maryland.gov/).

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](http://www.cdfa.net).

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