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CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable Launched **— In Partnership with CHFA and EDCC and, Endorsed by OEDIT—**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of the **CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable**. The CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable is launched in partnership with both the **Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC)** and **Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA)**. In addition, the CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable is endorsed by the **Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)**.

The CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable, in partnership with CHFA and EDCC and endorsed by OEDIT is dedicated to developing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Colorado 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 state roundtable for the development finance industry in Colorado,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “With the overwhelming support of EDCC, CHFA, and OEDIT, we are excited to be moving forward and begin building this initiative together.”

To kick-off the Roundtable, CDFA will host a one-day conference titled, “Unlocking Development Finance in the Centennial State” in Steamboat. The conference will be held on April 29, 2015 and will feature a number of economic development finance experts and leaders from around the state discussing new development finance tools, authorities, resources and approaches, and how these methods can move Colorado’s economy forward.

“Colorado has been a national leader in deploying federal and state economic development resources,” said Steve Johnson, Community Development Director for CHFA. “This event will be a valuable opportunity to further build upon our success so businesses, large and small, can thrive. CHFA has a long history of partnering with CDFA, OEDIT, and the EDCC. Together these leaders will shape a dynamic economic development dialogue that is sure to bring lasting benefit to our state.

“OEDIT is excited to partner with CDFA, EDCC and CHFA to bring world class professional education in development finance to economic developers in our state through the Colorado CDFA Financing Round Table,” said OEDIT executive director Fiona Arnold. “Finance and capital fuel economic development, and CDFA’s presence in Colorado is yet another marker of Colorado’s growing visibility and attractiveness on a national level.”

“The Economic Development Council of Colorado is excited about the partnership with CDFA. We think the partnership will bring new opportunities for both organizations to expand the professional development of our Economic Development and Finance practitioner across the state of Colorado,” said Frank Gray, Chair of EDCC. “It is these types of strategic partnerships that bring real value to both organizations.”

As part of this launch, the CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable Advisory Committee was established to help lead the initiative’s programming and direction. Advisory Committee participation is open to all active CDFA members. Interested stakeholders should contact CDFA to serve on the Advisory Committee. To learn about membership, visit www.cdfa.net.

The CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable will also offer webcasts, online resources and a dedicated state finance newsletter in the coming months. Topics covered include bonds, redevelopment tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed and venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

CDFA has a very strong presence in Colorado with nine member organizations located in the state and hundreds of professionals engaged in CDFA on an ongoing basis. Colorado is also represented within CDFA’s leadership with Steve Johnson, Community Development Director for Colorado Housing and Finance Authority serving as Chairman for the CDFA Board of Directors.

More information regarding the CDFA Colorado Financing Roundtable conference will be available at www.cdfa.net soon.

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.