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## **CDFA & Responsible Finance Launch Transatlantic Exchange** **—Partnership will Enhance U.S. & U.K. Development Finance Efforts —**

Columbus, OH - **The Council of Development Finance Agencies** (CDFA) and the U.K.-based **Responsible Finance** have launched a new partnership to create the CDFA/Responsible Finance Exchange. This exclusive exchange between CDFA and Responsible finance is dedicated to developing a transatlantic exchange between development finance practitioners in both the U.S. and U.K. to help foster best practices, collaboration, learning, and a greater understanding of how economic development and infrastructure is financed in the two nations.

“We at CDFA are excited to launch this new partnership,” said CDFA President & CEO Toby Rittner. “Responsible Finance does great work in supporting access to capital efforts throughout the U.K., and CDFA is eager to collaborate and learn from their experiences.”

The CDFA/Responsible Finance Exchange will bring development finance leaders together through education, resource development, research, and networking. The new partnership will also feature joint research including white papers and articles, live webcasts, and the publication of online resources.

“Our partnership with the CDFA is a great opportunity for responsible finance providers in the U.K. to learn from U.S. peers and share our own experiences,” said Jennifer Tankard, Chief Executive of Responsible Finance. We have a special relationship with the CDFA and this new agreement means that by working together we can achieve more than the sum of our parts. Our research, webcasts and visits will enable finance providers to take advantage of learning, funding, and training opportunities. This is good news for the businesses, communities, and people they serve – those that can’t access finance elsewhere and that need a strong national network of finance providers.”

The major topic areas CDFA and Responsible Finance will address in their research and webcasts will center on the capital access challenges facing small businesses in the U.S. and U.K. CDFA and Responsible Finance intend to analyze the methods development financiers in the U.S. and U.K. have used to address capital access challenges, and find new ways to solve difficult, long-standing problems. CDFA and Responsible Finance will work collaboratively to develop programming and support for the partnership.

**Responsible Finance** is the voice of the Responsible Finance industry. Responsible Finance supports a strong network of responsible finance providers who are increasing access to fair finance across the U.K. At the heart of Responsible Finance is the idea of bringing social and economic benefits to people, places and businesses. Responsible Finance members provide finance to customers not supported by other lenders. They offer a supportive service and treat people fairly. They are professional social enterprises that re-invest profits to help more people and businesses access finance. For more information about Responsible Finance, visit [www.responsiblefinance.org.uk](http://www.responsiblefinance.org.uk)

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