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CDFA Announces Pearl-Jean Mabe, 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 Pearl-Jean Mabe, CDFA's own Director of Research & Technical Assistance, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Ms. Mabe joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

"Having a DFCP graduate from our own staff is very exciting and special for us," states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. "CDFA looks to consistently engage the best and brightest in the development finance industry, and Pearl is a reflection of that."

As the Director of Research & Technical Assistance at CDFA, Pearl-Jean Mabe is responsible for managing and directing CDFA's research projects, technical assistance requests, resource collection, information sharing, newsletter publications, headlines review, and educational efforts. Prior to joining CDFA, Ms. Mabe was the Downtown Program Coordinator with Heritage Ohio where she assisted in the coordination of the Ohio Main Street Program, a grassroots, nationally recognized, historic preservation and downtown revitalization program. During her time there she engaged with a broad range of communities throughout Ohio, helped launch the Young Ohio Preservationists, hosted a monthly webinar series, assisted with statewide workshops and conferences, and was responsible for marketing and communications efforts including modernizing Heritage Ohio's website and designing and publishing Revitalize Ohio Magazine. Ms. Mabe served two terms as an AmeriCorps member through the Ohio History Connection's Ohio History Corps. and continues to serve on the board for The Young Ohio Preservationists, promoting preservation as a positive agent for change, and educating, inspiring and motivating Ohioans to preserve their built heritage. Ms. Mabe holds a Bachelor of Science in City & Regional Planning with a focus on sustainable systems and practices from The Ohio State University.

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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