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CDFA Recognizes Ben Townsend 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 Ben Townsend, Business Services Manager at the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. A new graduate, Mr. Townsend, joins numerous other graduates who have invested in their professional development and are ready to tackle the complexities of the development finance industry.

“We are happy to welcome Ben Townsend into the ranks of DFCP graduates. CDFA looks to consistently engage the best and brightest in the development finance industry in this program,” states Toby Rittner, DCFP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope that through their work in the DFCP program, graduates are ready to tackle critical development finance efforts in the communities where they work.”

Ben is a graduate of North Carolina State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting. Throughout his 15 year career Ben has been mostly involved with nonprofit accounting, sometimes in an auditing capacity, but presently as a non-profit employee. For the last 7 years he has worked at the **Chatham County Economic Development Corporation**. The Chatham EDC is a 501(c)3 economic development non-profit that provides support to businesses throughout the county and markets Chatham County as the preferred location for emerging growth companies. The mission of the organization includes “...focusing on targeted attraction, retention and entrepreneurship to improve the lives of County residents. We support infrastructure improvements and preservation of the County's strong quality of place.”

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 will 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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