



September 29, 2017
PRESS RELEASE

Council of Development Finance Agencies
100 East Broad Street, Suite 1200
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-705-1300
www.cdfa.net

CONTACT:
Toby Rittner
President & CEO
614-705-1300
trittner@cdfa.net

CDFA Announces Distinguished Development Finance State Agency Award —Presented to New Jersey Economic Development Authority—

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) as the winner of the 2017 CDFA Distinguished Development Finance State Agency Award.

The CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards recognizes outstanding development finance programs, agencies, leaders, projects, and success stories. These awards honor excellence in the use of financing tools for economic development, as well as individuals who champion these efforts.

This year's honor is bestowed to New Jersey Economic Development Authority. As an independent and self-supporting state entity, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority works every day to broaden and expand the state's economic base. They have succeeded in creating public-private partnerships to provide access to capital in the New Jersey business community. In addition to supporting entrepreneurial development through training programs, they also provide access to funds for both small and mid-size businesses as well as non-profits for development. Particular projects that really emphasize the EDA's work include the Strand Theater in Lakewood and the Technology Centre of New Jersey in North Brunswick Township, to name a couple.

"CDFA is proud to honor the New Jersey Economic Development Authority this year. They are an exemplary organization using the development finance toolbox approach. From the bedrock tools to tools to support entrepreneurs, their toolbox is filled," said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA.

The CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards will be formally presented at the 2017 CDFA National Development Finance Summit, in Atlanta, GA on November 16.

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.

CDFA: Advancing Development Finance Knowledge, Networks & Innovation

###