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CDFA Recognizes Steve Girodat, DFCP

—Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Steve Girodat, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Detroit in Michigan, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Mr. Girodat joins the ranks of fellow DFCP graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is always looking to engage the best and brightest in development finance with this program, and we are happy to welcome Steve into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DCFP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to employ development finance tools in the communities where they work.”

Steve currently works as an Economic Development Specialist within the City of Detroit’s Housing and Revitalization Department facilitating economic development and public facility rehabilitation projects. Steve previously worked in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Detroit and the Department of Treasury for the State of Michigan. Steve earned a Master of Arts in Economics from Wayne State University, a Master of Business Administration from Davenport University, a Bachelor of Arts in History from Adrian College, and holds certificates in Project Management from Davenport University and Change Leadership from Cornell 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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