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## **CDFA Recognizes Sara Pietka, 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 Sara Pietka, Vice President at Roeder & Company LLC, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. A new graduate, Ms. Pietka, 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 Sara 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.”

Sara Pietka joined Roeder & Company, LLC, an advisory and consulting firm in the tax credit industry, as Vice President in March of 2013. Ms. Pietka has a decade of experience in analyzing, underwriting, and structuring complex transactions involving multiple stakeholders in the real estate and community development sectors. Ms. Pietka has executed 18 tax credit transactions totaling over \$190 million in project costs since 2013. Ms. Pietka graduated with High Honors from Stevens Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Business & Technology and a Minor in Economics. Ms. Pietka is on the board of Pacific Crest Community School, a non-profit private school in SE Portland, and is Treasurer and board member of the Women's Foundation of Oregon.

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.

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](http://www.cdfa.net).

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