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CDFA Launches Minnesota Financing Roundtable

***—In Partnership with the Economic Development Association of Minnesota
& the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development—***

Columbus, OH - The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of the CDFA Minnesota Financing Roundtable. The Roundtable is dedicated to growing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Minnesota and will bring the development finance industry together through education, resource management, research, and networking.

"CDFA is very proud to announce the launch of this new roundtable in such a key state," said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. "Minnesota has always been very active in CDFA since our organization's beginning and launching this Roundtable is a milestone for both CDFA and the leadership of the state. We are very pleased to have the Economic Development Association of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development support our work moving forward."

The CDFA Minnesota Financing Roundtable, in partnership with the Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), will offer an annual conference, webcasts, online resources and dedicated state finance newsletters in the coming months. Topics covered will include bonds, tax increment finance/special assessment, tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed & venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

"The Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) is excited to partner with the CDFA on a Round Table event in Minnesota," said Christie Hantge, EDAM President. "The missions of EDAM and CDFA perfectly complement one another. Members from both organizations seek to find creative ways to get economic development deals done in Minnesota. This will be a great opportunity for members from both organizations to benefit from some excellent training and networking."

"The financing roundtable will support DEED's mission of encouraging economic development throughout Minnesota," said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy. "This program is an important resource that will help us achieve our goal of business and job growth that benefits all Minnesotans."

More information regarding the CDFA Minnesota Financing Roundtable conference will be available at www.cdfa.net soon.

EDAM's mission is to champion economic development in Minnesota through professional development, networking, and advocacy. EDAM provides development professionals a forum for exchanging information and staying abreast of current economic development strategies and practices and by providing economic developers with valuable networking and educational opportunities. For more information about EDAM, visit: www.edam.org

DEED is the state's principal economic development agency. DEED programs promote business recruitment, expansion, and retention; international trade; workforce development; and community development. DEED's purpose is to enhance the economic success of individuals, businesses and communities by improving opportunities for prosperity and independence. For more information about DEED, visit: www.mn.gov/deed

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