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## CDFA Announces James Metz, 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 James Metz, a valued member of the CDFA team, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Mr. Metz joins the ranks of fellow graduates who have invested in their professional development and are ready to tackle the complexities of the development finance industry.

"I'm continually impressed with the work that James has done and proud to have another member of the CDFA team join the ranks of DFCP graduates," states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. "Our hope has always been to produce graduates that are ready to tackle the critical development finance issues that exist in communities and James embodies that goal."

James Metz works as a Coordinator on the Research and Technical Assistance team at the Council of Development Finance Agencies. James' area of focus includes brownfield redevelopment, tax increment finance, special assessments, and water finance. This includes providing technical assistance to CDFA members, producing newsletters and webinars, and assisting on research projects. Currently, James manages the Brownfields program that provides technical assistance and resources on brownfields redevelopment financing to communities throughout the country. Before joining CDFA, James earned his degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University and served in the U.S. Army with the 1-501st Airborne Unit.

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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