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## **CDFA Illinois Roundtable Supported by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity —Support to Strengthen Development Finance in Illinois—**

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (Department of Commerce) as an official supporter of the CDFA Illinois Financing Roundtable. The CDFA Illinois Financing Roundtable, supported by the Illinois Department of Commerce, is dedicated to retaining and expanding a sustainable economic development finance industry in the state of Illinois through education, resource development, research and networking. Launched in 2013, the Roundtable offers webcasts, online resources, live events and a dedicated state finance newsletter.

“CDFA is very excited to announce this new roundtable support with the Illinois Department of Commerce,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “This support marks a new evolution in the CDFA Illinois Financing Roundtable for 2016. We believe this is a big step forward for our work in the state. With the support of the Department of Commerce, we intend to continue to shape our mission in advancing development finance knowledge, networks, and innovation in the state of Illinois.”

Together, CDFA and the Department of Commerce will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Financing Roundtable Conference. Join us on May 19, 2016 in Chicago to gain knowledge, expand your network, and improve development finance in Illinois. The 2016 conference will feature experts and development finance practitioners from around Illinois and across the United States discussing critical topics in the development finance field currently trending in the Illinois economy.

“The Illinois Department of Commerce is focused on encouraging sustainable economic development throughout our state,” said the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Director Jim Schultz. “We are happy to support the CDFA Financing Roundtable, which provides valuable resources for economic development financing professionals in Illinois to help grow our economy.”

The **Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity** is the State Agency that leads economic development efforts for Illinois. Their main focus is to retain and create jobs in Illinois by marketing to new and existing businesses, international companies, entrepreneurs and investors, and locally and globally promoting Illinois as a world-class tourism and film destination. For more information on the great work that the Department of Commerce does in Illinois, visit [www.illinois.gov/dceo](http://www.illinois.gov/dceo).

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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