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CDFA Recognizes Darren Harper, DFCP

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

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to welcome Darren Harper, Project Manager for the Camden County Joint Development Authority in Georgia, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. A new graduate, Mr. Harper joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“The CDFA team is happy to welcome Darren into the ranks of DFCP graduates. He is a great ambassador of the DFCP program and embodies the best and brightest in the development finance industry,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Darren has been engaged with CDFA for many years and we are proud to have him as a graduate.”

Darren Harper is the Project Manager for the Camden County Joint Development Authority. Darren supports the Executive Director of the Authority in all facets of community economic development including business attraction, business retention and expansion efforts, project funding, and incentive development strategies. Darren also assists other community partners including downtown development authorities, chamber of commerce, local governments, and non-profits in the local community and economic development efforts.

Darren graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Historic Preservation and along with his DFCP certification has earned an Economic Development Finance Professional through the National Development Council and a Professional Community Economic Developer certification from the Community Development Council.

As part of CDFA's comprehensive education resources, the Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intensive training course and learning experience which serves as the industry's only comprehensive development finance certification program. CDFA's 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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