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## CDFA Announces Justin Powell, DFCP

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

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies is honored to announce Justin Powell, Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Powell joins many others who have invested in their professional development and are prepared to tackle the complexities of the development finance industry.

“CDFA is always looking to engage the best and brightest in development finance with this program, and we are happy to welcome Justin into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DCFP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to advance critical development finance efforts in the communities where they work.”

Justin Powell has been the Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration at the South Carolina Department of Transportation since April 2019. In his role there, Mr. Powell supports SCDOT’s mission to manage the fourth-largest highway system in the nation through financial management, procurement, and information technology. Prior to joining SCDOT, he was the Assistant County Administrator in Horry County, SC; the Chief Financial Officer in Dorchester County, SC; and the Budget Administrator in the City of Greenville, SC. He holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Arts from Wofford College, as well as a Certified Public Finance Officer designation from the Governmental Finance Officers Association.

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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