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## CDFA Recognizes Shane Shepard, DFCP

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

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development for the City of Lancaster, in Lancaster, TX as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a graduate, Mr. Shepard 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 Shane into the ranks of DFCP graduates. He is a reflection of CDFA’s efforts to engage the best and brightest in the development finance industry,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA.

Shane Shepard brings over seventeen years of expertise in economic and community development, with a distinct focus on Texas’s unique landscape. As the Director of Economic Development for Lancaster, TX, he spearheaded significant growth initiatives, including a monumental \$1.1 billion Capex project and the recruitment of over 20 million s/f, resulting in 4,705 new jobs. In his past roles as the Community Development Director at the City of Sulphur Springs and the Executive Director at Winnsboro Main Street/ Economic Development, Shane championed numerous community projects, drove strategic marketing strategies, and secured millions in community development grants. With a comprehensive educational background from Texas A&M University-Texarkana, and a slew of prestigious certifications, Mr. Shepard’s commitment to economic growth and business development is both proven and unparalleled.

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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