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## CDFA Recognizes Julie Behrens, 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 Julie Behrens, Adjunct Instructor for Baruch College in New York, NY, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Ms. Behrens joins numerous fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in development finance and are equipped to tackle the complexities of the industry.

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

Ms. Behrens is an affordable housing and community development finance professional with more than 15 years of experience driving investment to advance policy and deliver equitable real estate solutions to complex urban development challenges. Ms. Behrens was the Vice President at Multifamily Finance for New York State Homes and Community Renewal, where she managed an annual pipeline of more than \$1B in tax exempt bonds and millions in debt financing. Before that, Ms. Behrens was the President of Project Urbanista, a consultancy that supported non-profit organizations in achieving their capital development goals. Ms. Behrens started her career with the NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, where she closed transactions for permanent supportive housing serving formerly homeless and special needs residents. She is an adjunct instructor at Baruch College and holds a master's degree in urban planning from Columbia University.

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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