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**CDFA Retains Lobbyist with New Firm**  
**—NSGS' Eric Silva to Lead Advocacy on Capitol Hill—**

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the selection of North South Government Strategies (NSGS) as the Council's legislative representation on Capitol Hill. Eric Silva, Founding Partner with NSGS, will continue his work as CDFA's legislative representative. Silva has served as CDFA's legislative representative for over eight years with his prior firm.

NSGS, founded by Eric Silva and John McMickle, specializes in the core policy areas of financial services, agriculture, civil justice reform, tax, and intellectual property. John McMickle, CDFA's former legislative representative, will complement Silva's work, and offer the institutional knowledge desired for comprehensive representation in Washington D.C.

"Eric is highly regarded for his political acumen, House and Senate connections, and financial services expertise. We are thrilled to continue our relationship with Eric and believe he will provide a sound strategic vision and contribute immensely in advancing development finance policy on behalf our members," said Toby Rittner CDFA President & CEO.

Prior to founding NSGS, Eric worked for the United States Senate and practiced law for eight years in the Government and Regulatory Affairs group of a major international law firm. He has significant experience in a number of policy areas and has successfully advocated for client interests on some of the most significant legislation of the past decade, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and the 2008 and 2012 Farm Bills.

Mr. Silva has earned a Bachelors from Boston College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame School of Law.

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