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**CDFA Illinois Roundtable Endorsed by the
Illinois Finance Authority**
—Endorsement to Strengthen Development Finance in Illinois —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) as an official endorser of the CDFA Illinois Financing Roundtable. IFA joins the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as a supporter of development finance education throughout the state. The CDFA Illinois Financing Roundtable, endorsed by the Illinois Finance Authority and supported by the Department of Commerce, is dedicated to retaining and expanding a sustainable economic development finance industry in the state of Illinois through education, resource development, research and networking.

“CDFA is excited to announce the endorsement from the Illinois Finance Authority,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “IFA has been a vital pillar of CDFA for years, serving on our Board and contributing to the growth of the Illinois Roundtable. We are grateful for their continued collaboration and look forward this next chapter of involvement.”

Launched in 2013, the Roundtable offers webcasts, online resources, live events and a dedicated state finance newsletter.

The fourth Annual Illinois Financing Roundtable Conference will be held on May 19, 2016 in Chicago. The 2016 conference will feature experts and development finance practitioners from around Illinois and across the United States discussing critical topics in the development finance field currently trending in the Illinois economy.

“The Illinois Finance Authority strongly supports CDFA’s professional education and advocacy efforts. Our long-time participation in CDFA provides the Authority and its staff with a valuable return on investment through timely education on relevant and innovative topics. Through CDFA’s 2016 Illinois Roundtable and webinar series, the Authority is proud to help bring the value of CDFA programs to busy Illinois economic development professionals in a convenient and succinct manner,” said Chris Meister, Illinois Finance Authority Executive Director.

The Illinois Finance Authority provides access to low-cost financing for capital projects undertaken by manufacturers, 501(c)(3) not-for-profits, and local government units with the objective of creating construction and permanent jobs and improving the quality of life throughout Illinois. For more information on the great work that IFA does in Illinois, visit www.il-fa.com.

The **Council of Development Finance Agencies** is a national association dedicated to the advancement of development finance concerns and interests. CDFA is comprised of the nation’s leading and most knowledgeable members of the development finance community representing public, private and non-profit entities alike. For more information about CDFA, visit www.cdfa.net.

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