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## **CDFA Recognizes Lori Sallaz, 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 Lori Sallaz, Manager of Bond Finance Programs for the Development Finance Authority of Summit County, Ohio, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Sallaz joins the ranks of fellow graduates who have invested in their professional development and are ready to tackle the complexities of the development finance industry.

"The CDFA team is happy to welcome Lori into the ranks of DFCP graduates. She is a great ambassador of the DFCP program and embodies the best and brightest in the development finance industry," states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA.

Lori Sallaz is the Manager of Bond Finance Programs for the Development Finance Authority of Summit County. She is responsible for managing the Jobs and Investment Fund (rated A- by S&P), helps structure new deals from inception through bond issuance, and manages all post compliance activities. Ms. Sallaz works with private borrowers and local public and community officials to facilitate closings and manages all conduit bond activity of the Authority which encompasses tax-exempt private activity bonds and sales tax capital leases. She is also responsible for various activities to promote economic development in the region.

Lori has over 8 years of experience in economic development financing and 30 years of management experience in both public and private sectors. Furthering her education, she attended ITT Technical Institute and Youngstown State University. She currently serves as Board Secretary for the Ohio Council of Port Authorities and Board Secretary for the Greater Akron chapter of CREW (Commercial Real Estate for Women).

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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