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**CDFA & OEDA Launch Ohio Roundtable Partnership**  
**-- CDFA Ohio Financing Roundtable in partnership with OEDA --**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) and the Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA) are pleased to announce the launch of a new partnership to advance the **CDFA Ohio Financing Roundtable**. The CDFA Ohio Financing Roundtable, in partnership with OEDA, is dedicated to developing a sustainable economic development finance industry in the state of Ohio through education, resource development, research and networking. This unique state/national partnership brings together the development finance and economic development industries in Ohio.

“CDFA is very proud to announce this new state roundtable partnership for the development finance industry in Ohio,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “Ohio has been very active in CDFA over the past three decades, and launching this Roundtable partnership is a milestone achievement for CDFA. We are proud to build this Roundtable in partnership with OEDA and the leadership in the state.”

The Roundtable offers webcasts, online resources, live events and a dedicated state finance newsletter. Topics covered include bonds, redevelopment, tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed and venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

“The partnership with CDFA is a value added resource for our OEDA members who are continuously looking at financing solutions for their unique economic development projects. Sharing best practices through the Ohio Financing Roundtable is one of the most effective ways to connect economic development and finance professionals,” said OEDA President Jeremiah Gracia.

The CDFA Ohio Financing Roundtable, in partnership with OEDA, will hold a one-day conference titled “Development Finance Best Practices: Programs and Tools that Work,” on September 9, 2014 in Columbus. This conference will feature a number of economic development finance experts and leaders from around the state discussing new development finance tools, authorities, resources and approaches, and how these methods can move Ohio’s economy forward. Learn more and register online at [www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net). OEDA members receive discounts to attend Roundtable events, access to the CDFA Ohio Financing Roundtable newsletter, and other benefits through this partnership.

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](http://www.cdfa.net).

The **Ohio Economic Development Association** represents over 300 economic development professionals from across Ohio. The organization was created in 2005 through the merger of the Ohio Development Association and the Ohio Economic Development Council. The OEDA advocates on behalf of economic development issues important to growing the Ohio economy and is non-partisan. For more information about OEDA, visit [www.ohioeda.com](http://www.ohioeda.com).

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