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CDFA Announces Tiffany McClelland, DFCP

—Newest Graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to congratulate Tiffany McClelland, Economic Development Director with the Lorain Port and Finance Authority, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Ms. McClelland joins the ranks of fellow DFCP graduates who are recognized as emerging leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is thrilled to have Tiffany as a DFCP graduate,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “The DFCP Program is about engaging the best and brightest people in development finance who are striving to make their communities better, and Tiffany is exactly that.”

Tiffany McClelland is a native of Lorain, Ohio where she graduated Salutatorian from Lorain High School. She pursued her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy and Business Administration at Bentley University where she graduated magna cum laude. Through an internship opportunity, Tiffany worked for the Lorain Port and Finance Authority (formerly known as the Lorain Port Authority) during college. This ultimately resulted in Tiffany accepting a fulltime position shortly after graduation, bringing her back to Ohio to begin her career as an Economic Development Specialist. She worked her way to becoming the Economic Development Director, where her work focuses on administering Brownfield funding, overseeing the Port’s bond financing programs, administering the City’s tax increment finance (TIF) program, managing a revolving loan fund (RLF), and establishing and growing a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program - all while advocating for development through business retention, expansion, and attraction programs. Tiffany has assisted in the creation of a database that highlights the hundreds of available properties throughout the City and has worked to attract developers through the programs and opportunities the Port offers. Tiffany has been involved in the financing of over \$35 million in projects and administered nearly \$5 million in grant funding. Tiffany was selected to be a 2020 Franzini Fellow with CDFA, where she is honing her development finance skills during this prestigious fellowship. Tiffany acts as the Chairwomen of the Ohio Council of Port Authorities and is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Lorain Public Library System. In her spare time, Tiffany enjoys staying physically active through weight training, running, and playing soccer, but also finds time to sit down and enjoy a good read.

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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