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## CDFA Announces 2018 Policy Agenda

### —*Advocacy to Focus on Expanding Development Finance Tools*—

Columbus, OH - **The Council of Development Finance Agencies** (CDFA) is pleased to announce the release of the 2018 CDFA Policy Agenda. The policy areas highlighted in the Agenda are borne out of CDFA's 36 years as a leader in the development finance industry, and seek to address market-based challenges to capital formation, access, and private leverage.

"The 2018 Agenda is both broader in scope and more aggressive than last year's version," stated Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. "With tax reform behind us, CDFA is focused on expanding the flexibility and availability of private activity bonds, as well as creating smarter, more efficient federal finance programs."

The 2018 Policy Agenda outlines six key areas for CDFA to focus its legislative and federal advocacy. Those areas are:

1. **Pass the Modernizing American Manufacturing Bonds Act** so that manufacturers around the country have easier access to affordable capital.
2. **Strengthen Tax-Exempt Bonds** to help stimulate public and private investment in essential national infrastructure.
3. **Reauthorize and Fund the State Small Business Credit Initiative** to support American small business and entrepreneurs.
4. **Reduce Barriers to Clean Energy through Credit Enhancement**, and leverage public support of clean energy with private investment.
5. **Reform and Bolster Infrastructure Financing Tools** so that state and local governments have the capacity to support infrastructure upgrades and development.
6. **Stabilize and Improve the Federal Financing Delivery System** to eliminate public and private sector uncertainty regarding the future availability of funds.

CDFA wishes to thank both its Legislative Committee and its Legislative Representative, Eric Silva, for their ideas and assistance in developing the 2018 Policy Agenda. To learn more about the 2018 CDFA Policy Agenda and our advocacy work, contact **Tim Fisher**.

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