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Jeffrey Freese Presented Prestigious CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award
-- Distinguished Development Finance Career Recognized --

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the recipient of the **2017 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award**. This year's winner will formally be presented the award during a special ceremony at the 2017 National Development Finance Summit, in Atlanta, GA on November 16.

In 2011, the CDFA Board of Directors created the **CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award** to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the development finance industry throughout their professional career. In order to be eligible, candidates must have made innovative and lasting contributions that have had an impact on the way development finance programs are operated, managed and administered. Individuals may also be eligible for the award if they have made significant legislative contributions to the advancement of new development finance tools, strategies and approaches. This year's recipient is **Jeffrey Freese, Managing Director at KeyBanc Capital Markets**.

Mr. Freese has 30 years of experience in Public Finance and has been with KeyCorp for over 35 years. As Managing Director of KeyBanc Capital Markets' Public Finance Group, Mr. Freese provides leadership and oversight to the Public Finance investment banking staff. Indicative of his experiences as an investment banking professional, he has assisted over 500 clients raise in excess of \$25 billion to finance economic development and governmental projects throughout the country. He has used numerous financing tools including various types of tax-exempt and taxable offerings, fixed and variable rate transactions, revenue and general obligation notes and bonds and tax increment financings.

Mr. Freese is on the board of directors of the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA), a national organization that has the mission of strengthening the efforts of state and local development finance agencies to promote job creation and economic growth and Ohio Municipal Advisory Council (OMAC), a private service which provides the municipal bond industry with statistical data relating to Ohio municipal securities. Mr. Freese is also a member of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association's Municipal Executive Committee.

Mr. Freese has a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Ashland University, holds a General Securities Registered Representative License Series 7 and has Municipal Securities Licenses Series 52, 53 and 63.

CDFA is honored to present **Jeffrey Freese** with this prestigious honor as the **2017 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award** winner.

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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