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CDFA Recognizes Mitchell Smith, 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 Mitchell Smith, a valued member of the CDFA team, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Mr. Smith joins the ranks of fellow graduates who have invested in their professional development and are recognized as accomplished leaders in the development finance industry.

“I am proud to have another member of the CDFA team join the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope has always been to produce graduates ready to tackle the critical development finance issues within communities, and Mitchell embodies that goal.”

Mitchell Smith is the Director of Government and External Affairs at CDFA. Previously, Mitchell worked for the Ohio Legislative Service Commission on the education research team and served as the committee staffer for the House of Representatives Primary and Secondary Education Committee. There, he drafted legislation and completed legal research on behalf of the Ohio General Assembly.

A native of Bentonville, Arkansas, Mitchell attended the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, where he received his B.A. in American Studies and Political Science in 2009 and was a punter for the Razorbacks. He went on to complete his M.A. in American History and then relocated to Ohio University to complete a Ph.D. in American History. His specialization is in American diplomatic history, politics, and culture.

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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