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CDFA Recognizes John Brooks, 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 John Brooks, Chief of Lending & Credit for the New Mexico Finance Authority, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Brooks joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“The CDFA team is happy to welcome John into the ranks of DFCP graduates. He has been engaged with CDFA for many years and embodies the best and brightest in the development finance industry,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA.

John Brooks joined the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) as a Financial Analyst in August 2003, working directly on several state programs administered by NMFA including the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) and the Public Project Revolving Fund (PPRF). He was promoted to the Chief of Lending & Credit in 2022 to deliver low-cost funds to businesses and public bodies throughout New Mexico. John has structured over \$750 million in different projects across New Mexico, creating impact including increasing construction jobs, generating more direct jobs, helping medically underserved areas, upgrades to community facilities, and reducing food deserts.

A native of Aurora, Colorado, John earned a B.S. in Business Management with a specialty in Finance from Fort Hays State University located in Hays, Kansas. After completing undergraduate studies, John worked in the finance industry as a stockbroker for 10 years, most of which with Charles Schwab in Denver, CO. John completed his studies for the M.B.A. with a specialty in Finance at Capella University.

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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