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## **CDFA Announces Winners of CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards —Winner to receive awards at annual Texas Conference in April—**

The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the winners of the 2015 CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards.

“Each year CDFA is proud to honor excellence in development finance. The work of our award winners is cutting-edge, innovative, and an example of best practices in our industry,” said Toby Rittner, CDFA President & CEO.

The CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable Excellence Awards recognize outstanding development finance programs, agencies, projects, and success stories. These awards, presented at the CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable Conference, honor excellence in the use of financing tools for economic development, as well as the individuals who champion those efforts. This year’s honorees include:

### **CDFA Excellence Award: Agency – Texas Department of Agriculture**

Lead by Commissioner Miller, the **Texas Department of Agriculture** provides tools for communities to attract businesses and pursue other economic development opportunities, offers infrastructure grants to rural communities, leads in the development of statewide broadband services, and administers the Certified Retirement Community program to attract retirees to the second leading retirement state in the U.S. CDFA is proud to honor the Texas Department of Agriculture for their Texas Capital Fund in conjunction with support of rural business development, retention, and expansion by providing funds for public infrastructure, real estate development, and the elimination of deteriorated conditions.

### **CDFA Excellence Award: Project – Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment**

**Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment** is an interactive mixed- use community, including residential neighborhoods, retail shops and services, and commercial offices in addition to a model for responsible urban planning and development. CDFA is proud to honor Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment for implementation of financing tools such as tax increment financing and utilizing a shared equity homeownership model on a large scale through CDFI to create and preserve affordable homeownership opportunities for low-income communities in Central Texas using shared equity models.

### **CDFA Excellence Award: Program – City of Dallas TIF**

CDFA is pleased to announce the **City of Dallas Economic Development** as the winner of the 2015 CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable Program Award for their work with Tax Increment Financing. The City of Dallas Economic Development Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program is currently made up of 18 districts that are facilitating redevelopment throughout Dallas. CDFA is proud to honor the City of Dallas for their established track record of success in utilizing TIF to redevelop and transform targeted districts. The City recently closed the Cityplace Area and State-Thomas districts. Cityplace Area TIF District catalyzed the development of hundreds of apartments and thousands of square feet for retail. The State-Thomas TIF District transformed an area adjacent to the Central Business District from 95 percent vacancy to 95 percent developed or in development.

The CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable Conference Excellence Awards will be formally presented at the **2015 CDFA Texas Financing Roundtable**, in Austin, Texas on April 23.

**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](http://www.cdfa.net).