CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards
– 2013 Call for Entries & Nominations –

The CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards recognize outstanding development finance programs, agencies, leaders, projects and success stories. These awards, presented to award winners annually at the CDFA National Development Finance Summit, honor excellence in the use of financing tools for economic development, as well as the individuals who champion these efforts. Organizations may nominate themselves and/or their projects for one of these awards. Individuals may also nominate themselves or be nominated by their peers and colleagues.

The CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards cover a wide variety of financing tools and provide for both the public and private sector to be honored. Creative and innovative entries are highly welcomed, and the private sector is strongly encouraged to collaborate with their public sector partners on submissions. These awards honor excellence, leadership and the creative use of development finance tools such as bonds, TIF, tax credits and access to capital. The awards also honor the cutting edge use of development finance tools to support innovation and energy development. These awards honor individuals and agencies alike to build a distinguished and recognized development finance industry.

Entries and nominations for the CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards will be accepted through May 3, 2013. The following is an overview of the nine award opportunities (click on each entry to learn more):

- CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award
- CDFA Federal Development Finance Leadership Award
- CDFA Distinguished Development Finance Agency Award (State Agency)
- CDFA Distinguished Development Finance Agency Award (Local Agency)
- CDFA Excellence in Bond Finance Award
- CDFA Excellence in Tax Increment Finance Award
- CDFA Excellence in Tax Credit Finance Award
- CDFA Excellence in Energy Finance Award
- CDFA Excellence in Access to Capital Finance Award

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CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award

The CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award is given to 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 a significant legislative contribution to the advancement of new development finance tools, strategies and approaches. The goal of granting the award is to make the excellent work done by people working within the scope described above more widely known and to help to publicize the impact that the development finance industry has within the United States.

Submission Process

Nominations for this award will be accepted from members of the CDFA Board of Directors only. CDFA members who have an interest in nominating an individual should contact a Board Member to recommend an individual. Candidates for this award should be at the later stage of their professional career or retired. Posthumous awards will be honored for individuals who qualify and are nominated appropriately.
To nominate an individual for this award, please submit a one-page rationale including contact information for the individual being nominated. Entries must be submitted according to the official submission requirements listed in this announcement. Late entries will not be accepted. CDFA will accept submissions via email only and all submissions should be prepared electronically. Nominations will be accepted through May 3, 2013 and should be emailed to Samantha Lynch at slynch@cdfa.net.

Awards Presentation
Award recipients for this award are asked to attend the 2013 CDFA National Development Finance Summit in August 2013 in Washington, DC to receive their award. The CDFA Excellence in Development Finance Awards will be presented during a special luncheon. Award recipients are given a complimentary registration to attend the National Summit as CDFA’s honored guest. The winner of this award will be announced in early June and will be recognized in CDFA’s Development Finance Review Weekly e-newsletter and Development Finance Perspectives magazine.

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CDFA Federal Development Finance Leadership Award

The CDFA Federal Development Finance Leadership Award is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development finance industry within the federal government. This honor is bestowed on legislative champions within the United States Congress, federal administration and the federal agencies. In order to be eligible, candidates must have made 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 a significant legislative contribution to the advancement of new development finance tools, strategies and approaches at the federal level. The goal of granting the award is to make the excellent work done by people working within our federal government more widely known, and to recognize the impact that the development finance industry has within the United States.

Nomination Process
Nominations for this award will be accepted from the entire development finance industry. Candidates for this award should be active leaders in the federal government. Posthumous awards will not be accepted. To nominate an individual for this award, please submit a one-page rationale including contact information for the individual being nominated. Entries must be submitted according to the official submission requirements listed in this announcement. Late entries will not be accepted. CDFA will accept submissions via email only and all submissions should be prepared electronically. Nominations will be accepted through May 3, 2013 and should be emailed to Samantha Lynch at slynch@cdfa.net.

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CDFA Distinguished Development Finance Agency Award (State Agency)

The CDFA Distinguished Development Finance Agency Award (State Agency) is presented to an outstanding state development finance agency. This honor is bestowed on a state agency that has tackled particularly complex and challenging financing concerns, revolutionized financing tools or affected the development finance markets in the past two years. In order to be eligible, the state agency must have achieved recent success in the way development finance programs are operated, managed and administered. The goal of granting the award is to make the excellent work done by state development finance agencies in our industry more widely known and to recognize the impact that these groups have on our national economy.

Nomination Process
Nominations for this award will be accepted from the entire development finance industry. Candidate state agencies for this award should be active leaders in the development finance industry and must directly operate and manage development finance programs. To nominate a state agency for this award, please submit a maximum two-page rationale including contact information for the entry. Submissions should include an executive summary of the agency, a detailed history of the agency's success and a corresponding overview of the financing programs that the agency administers. Of particular importance is the impact that the candidate state agency has on job creation, leveraged investment, industry growth and economic development. Entries must be submitted according to the official submission requirements listed in this announcement. Late entries will not be accepted. CDFA will accept submissions via email only and all submissions should be prepared electronically. Nominations will be accepted through May 3, 2013 and should be emailed to Samantha Lynch at slynch@cdfa.net.

Awards Presentation
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CDFA Distinguished Development Finance Agency Award (Local Agency)

The CDFA Distinguished Development Finance Agency Award (Local Agency) is presented to an outstanding local development finance agency. This honor is bestowed on a local agency that has tackled particularly complex and challenging financing concerns, revolutionized financing tools or affected the development finance markets in the past two years. In order to be eligible, the local agency must have achieved recent success in the way development finance programs are operated, managed and administered. The goal of granting the award is to make the excellent work done by local development finance agencies in our industry more widely known and to recognize the impact that these groups have on our national economy.

Nomination Process
Nominations for this award will be accepted from the entire development finance industry. Candidate local development finance agencies for this award should be active leaders in the development finance industry and must directly operate and manage development finance programs. A local development finance agency can be from any governmental or non-profit authority authorized to conduct development finance programs at the local level. City, county, borough, town, township and all authorized authorities are eligible. To nominate a local development finance agency for this award, please submit a maximum two-page rationale including contact information for the entry. Submissions should include an executive summary of the agency, a detailed history of
the agency’s success and a corresponding overview of the financing programs that the agency administers. Of particular importance is the impact that candidate local agency has on job creation, leveraged investment, industry growth and economic development. Entries must be submitted according to the official submission requirements listed in this announcement. Late entries will not be accepted. CDFA will accept submissions via email only and all submissions should be prepared electronically. Nominations will be accepted through May 3, 2013 and should be emailed to Samantha Lynch at slynch@cdfa.net.

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CDFA Excellence in Bond Finance Award

The CDFA Excellence in Bond Finance Award recognizes the outstanding use of tax-exempt bond finance for economic development. The award highlights best practices and exemplary projects using this transformative development finance tool. CDFA is looking for excellence, creativity and innovative execution of tax-exempt bond finance for projects that have closed over the past two years. Projects that have helped to raise the awareness of this important economic development finance tool are of particular interest for this award.

Submissions for this award should specifically address a successful tax-exempt bond financed project. CDFA is specifically interested in projects that have generated innovative outcomes or partnerships, made significant community improvements, or have used cutting edge financing structures. Projects of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The selection panels will weigh all submissions equally and base selections on effectiveness and impact. Small projects can make a large impact, and large projects can fill a special niche. Entries from bond issuers in partnership with their underwriter and counsel are strongly encouraged.

Submission Process
Submissions for this award will be accepted from all members of the development finance industry. Public and private finance agencies, development departments and bond finance providers of all sizes are eligible for nomination. Conduit bond issuers are welcome to apply as well. The private sector is encouraged to collaborate with their public sector partners to submit projects that have made a major impact locally and are an example of innovation and effectiveness in using tax-exempt bonds.

To nominate a project for this award, please submit a maximum two-page rationale including contact information for the entry. Submissions should include an executive summary of the project, a detailed history of the success and a corresponding overview of the financing structure. An explanation of any relationships, partnerships or collaborative efforts to maximize the use of tax-exempt bonds should be stressed.

Entries must be submitted according to the official submission requirements listed in this announcement. Late entries will not be accepted. CDFA will accept submissions via email only and all submissions should be prepared electronically. Nominations will be accepted through May 3, 2013 and should be emailed to Samantha Lynch at slynch@cdfa.net.

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**CDFA Excellence in Tax Increment Finance Award**

The **CDFA Excellence in Tax Increment Finance Award** recognizes the outstanding use of tax increment finance for economic development. The award highlights best practices and exemplary projects using this transformative development finance tool. CDFA is looking for excellence, creativity and innovative execution of tax increment finance for projects that have closed over the past two years. Projects that have helped to raise the awareness of this important economic development finance tool are of particular interest for this award.

Submissions for this award should specifically address a successful tax increment finance project. CDFA is specifically interested in projects that have generated innovative outcomes, partnerships, made significant community improvements, or have used cutting edge structures. Projects of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The selection panels will weigh all submissions equally and base selections on effectiveness and impact. Small projects can make a large impact, and large projects can fill a special niche. Private sector entities are encouraged to submit in partnership with local development finance agencies.

**Submission Process**

Submissions for this award will be accepted from all members of the development finance industry. Finance agencies, development departments and issuers of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The private sector is encouraged to collaborate with their public sector partners to submit projects that have made a major impact locally and are an example of innovation and effectiveness in using tax increment finance.

To nominate a project or program for this award, please submit a maximum two-page rationale including contact information for the entry. Submissions should include an executive summary of the project or program, a detailed history of the success and a corresponding overview of the financing structure. An explanation of any relationships, partnerships or collaborative efforts to maximize the use of TIF should be stressed.

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CDFA Excellence in Tax Credit Finance Award

The CDFA Excellence in Tax Credit Finance Award recognizes the outstanding use of tax credit finance for economic development. The award highlights best practices and exemplary projects using this transformative development finance tool. CDFA is looking for excellence, creativity and innovative execution of tax credit finance for projects that have closed over the past two years. Projects that have helped to raise the awareness of this important economic development finance tool are of particular interest for this award.

Submissions for this award should specifically address a successful tax credit financed project. CDFA is specifically interested in projects that have generated innovative outcomes, partnerships, made significant community improvements, or have used cutting edge financing structures. Projects of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The selection panels will weigh all submissions equally and base selections on effectiveness and impact. Small projects can make a large impact, and large projects can fill a special niche. Both public and private sector tax credit finance entities are eligible for nomination and are encouraged to submit an entry.

Submission Process
Submissions for this award will be accepted from all members of the development finance industry. Public and private finance agencies, development departments and tax credit providers of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The private sector is encouraged to collaborate with their public sector partners to submit projects that have made a major impact locally and are an example of innovation and effectiveness in using tax credits.

To nominate a project for this award, please submit a maximum two-page rationale including contact information for the entry. Submissions should include an executive summary of the project or program, a detailed history of the success and a corresponding overview of the financing structure. An explanation of any relationships, partnerships or collaborative efforts to maximize the use of tax credits should be stressed.

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CDFA Excellence in Energy Finance Award

The CDFA Excellence in Energy Finance Award recognizes outstanding renewable energy finance projects that support economic development. The award highlights best practices and exemplary projects using creative financing structures, partnerships and collaborations. CDFA is looking for excellence, creativity and innovative execution of financing tools for projects that have closed over the past two years. Projects that have helped to
raise the awareness of this important area of development finance are of particular interest for this award.

Submissions for this award should specifically address a successful energy finance project. CDFA is specifically interested in projects that have generated innovative outcomes, partnerships, made significant community improvements, or have used cutting edge financing structures. Projects of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The selection panels will weigh all submissions equally and base selections on effectiveness and impact. Small projects can make a large impact, and large projects can fill a special niche. Both public and private sector entities are eligible for nomination and are encouraged to submit an entry.

Submission Process
Submissions for this award will be accepted from all members of the development finance industry. Public and private finance agencies, development departments and tax credit providers of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The private sector is encouraged to collaborate with their public sector partners to submit projects that have made a major impact locally and are an example of innovation and effectiveness energy finance.

To nominate a project for this award, please submit a maximum two-page rationale including contact information for the entry. Submissions should include an executive summary of the project or program, a detailed history of the success and a corresponding overview of the financing structure. An explanation of any relationships, partnership or collaborative efforts to maximize the use of energy finance tools should be stressed.

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CDFA Excellence in Access to Capital Finance Award

The CDFA Excellence in Access to Capital Finance Award recognizes the outstanding use access to capital financing tools, such as revolving loan funds, loan guarantee or linked deposit programs and innovation finance efforts for economic development. The award highlights best practices and exemplary programs and approaches to using this transformative development finance tool. CDFA is looking for excellence, creativity and innovative execution of programs, funds and/or approaches to unlocking capital access that have been initiated over the past two years. Programs or approaches that have helped to raise the awareness of these important economic development finance tools are of particular interest for this award.

Submissions for this award should specifically address an agency’s successful use of access to capital programs. CDFA is specifically interested in programs or approaches that have generated innovative outcomes, partnerships, made significant community improvements, or have used cutting edge financing structures. Programs and approaches of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The selection panels will weigh all submissions equally and base selections on effectiveness and impact. Small programs can make a large impact, and large programs can fill a
special niche. The award is primarily intended for the public sector, although private sector partnership nominations are welcomed.

Submission Process
Submissions for this award will be accepted from all members of the development finance industry. Public and private finance agencies, development departments and access to capital program providers of all sizes are eligible for nomination. The private sector is encouraged to collaborate with their public sector partners to submit programs and approaches that have made a major impact locally and are an example of innovation and effectiveness in using capital access tools.

To nominate a project for this award, please submit a maximum two-page rationale including contact information for the entry. Submissions should include an executive summary of the program or approach, a detailed history of the success and a corresponding overview of the financing structure. An explanation of any relationships, partnerships or collaborative efforts to maximize the use of capital access tools should be stressed.

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