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CDFA Recognizes Krysta Pate, 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 Krysta Pate, CEO and Principal Consultant of The Ownership Initiative Consulting, LLC, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Pate 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 Krysta into the ranks of DFCP graduates. She is a great ambassador of the DFCP program and embodies the best and brightest in the development finance industry," states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA.

Often described as passionate about the modern banking environment, Krysta Pate has over two decades of leadership in the housing and finance industry. She holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in Public Administration and possesses an expert-level understanding of the regulatory framework and policy issues that surround urban communities. Krysta is well respected nationally and has an extensive circle of influence that includes working relationships with senior leaders and executives from all levels of government, banks, and community organizations. She founded The Ownership Initiative Consulting, LLC to explore and advise on strategies focused on creating homeownership and entrepreneurship opportunities for underserved populations and economically challenged communities. The firm's goal is to help governments, banks, CDFIs, and non-profits develop innovative ideas into practical solutions. Using a unique and flexible approach that includes a collective knowledge of creative finance, public-private sector collaboratives, and direct application of local discovery.

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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