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CDFA Announces Sam Filkins, DFCP

—Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program—

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is delighted to congratulate Sam Filkins, Vice President of the Area Development Foundation, Inc. in Mount Vernon, OH, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Filkins has gained valuable knowledge and experience within the complex development finance industry.

“We are excited to have Sam join the ranks of our fellow graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “We believe through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to advance critical development finance efforts in the communities where they work and live.”

Sam Filkins serves as the Vice President of the Area Development Foundation (ADF), an independent non-profit economic development organization serving rural Knox County, Ohio. His work focuses on the Knox County Land Bank and creating vibrant communities across the county. After completing the coursework from CDFA, Sam applied what he learned to his position and worked to develop a city-wide CRA to encourage investment in housing in Mount Vernon, the county seat. Now, after completing his DFCP, he will continue to apply his education to create innovative finance solutions to community issues for the betterment of everyone.

Sam joined the team at ADF in the summer of 2020 after a career in higher education. Sam, his wife Lacey, and their son Harrison have lived in Knox County for almost ten years. Sam is passionate about seeing communities thrive and feels blessed to have the opportunity to work with similarly community-minded individuals.

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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