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Maryland Secretaries Kevin A. Anderson, Kevin M. Atticks, and Jake R. Day, to Attend the CDFA National Development Finance Summit in Baltimore

—Event Presented by Maryland Department of Commerce and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the 2024 CDFA National Development Finance Summit will be presented by the [Maryland Department of Commerce](#) and the [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#). This premier development finance conference will highlight the great development and economic finance work done in Maryland and nationwide.

"I am incredibly grateful to our 2024 CDFA National Development Finance Summit Presenting Sponsors, Maryland Departments of Commerce and Housing and Community Development," said **Katie Moriarty, CDFA Knowledge & Networks Division Director**. "With their support and collaboration, we have built an exciting agenda this year with a fantastic speaker line-up, including three State Department Secretaries. We cannot wait to connect with our development finance network in person this November!"

We are thrilled to welcome **Kevin A. Anderson, Maryland Secretary of Commerce**, at the CDFA National Summit Kickoff Reception, sponsored by the Maryland Department of Commerce. Secretary Anderson, the Founder and CEO of Cardinal Atlantic Holdings, specializes in social impact and investment in urban areas, focusing on real estate and education technology. His impressive background includes serving as Senior VP at EVERFI, where he drove partnerships and growth, and as CEO of City First Homes, where he implemented affordable housing initiatives in D.C. during the financial crisis.

Kevin M. Atticks, Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, will join us for the Breakout Session - Driving Investment into Local & Regional Food Systems. Secretary Atticks was appointed Acting Secretary of Agriculture on January 18, 2023, and became Secretary on March 2, 2023. Previously, he founded and served as CEO of Grow & Fortify, which supports value-added agriculture, including wineries and agritourism. Atticks has led the Maryland Wineries Association, Brewers Association of Maryland, and Maryland Distillers Guild, and has held various leadership roles in agricultural organizations.

The second day of the Summit will be concluded with the Drinks with Toby networking event, featuring remarks from **Jake R. Day, Maryland Secretary of Housing and Community Development**. Formerly the 28th Mayor of Salisbury, Secretary Day led a stunning \$650 million downtown revitalization and has a wealth of experience in sustainable community development. A U.S. Army Major and veteran of the Global War on Terrorism, he brings a powerful perspective. Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with insights, networking, and inspiration!

The 2024 CDFA National Development Finance Summit would not be possible without our Presenting Sponsors.

The Maryland Department of Commerce is the state's primary economic development agency. The Department of Commerce stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies. Commerce also promotes the state's many commercial advantages and outstanding quality of life to spur economic development, international investment, trade, and tourism.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is at the forefront of implementing a housing policy that promotes and preserves homeownership and creating innovative community development initiatives to meet the challenges of a

growing Maryland. Through the Maryland Mortgage Program, the department has empowered thousands of Maryland families to realize the American dream of homeownership. The department's rental housing programs increase and preserve the supply of affordable housing and provide good choices for working families, senior citizens, and individuals with special needs. Community development and revitalization programs like Neighborhood BusinessWorks, Community Legacy, and Main Street Maryland, help Maryland cities and towns remain rich, vibrant communities. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development remains committed to building on its past successes to maintain our reputation as a community revitalization innovator and a national leader in housing finance.

Learn more about the 2024 CDFA National Development Finance Summit [here](#).

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