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CDFA Recognizes Andrew Busker, 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 Andrew Busker, Senior Staff Analyst at the City of Houston, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Busker joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“The CDFA team is excited to welcome Andrew as the newest graduate of the DFCP program,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “He is an excellent representative of the excellence we love to see in our industry. Our hope is for every DFCP graduate to be equipped to drive meaningful, impactful finance initiatives in their communities. We believe Andrew is already making great strides towards accomplishing this goal in his career.”

Mr. Busker is building a career focused on creating thriving communities, previously through the parks and recreation industry and currently through local government economic development. He is a Senior Staff Analyst in the Mayor's Office of Economic Development at the City of Houston, Texas. In this role, he leads several economic development programs, collaborates with economic development partners across the greater Houston region, assists with the legislative process when the Texas State Legislature is in session, and serves as a first contact at the City for companies interested in Houston for growth opportunities. Mr. Busker formally transitioned to economic development and development finance in 2022 when he joined the Mayor's Office of Economic Development.

Originally from Rockford, Illinois, his parks and recreation career led him to the Bluegrass Region of central Kentucky and then to Joint Base Charleston in historic Charleston, South Carolina, before returning him home to work at the Rockford Park District. Prior to his migration south, Mr. Busker spent five years in Wisconsin working at the Fond du Lac School District Recreation Department, the finance office in the City of Madison Parks Department, and the central budget office of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Mr. Busker earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University (2015), a Master of Public Affairs (MPA) from the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin–Madison (2021), and a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin–Madison (2021).

Outside of work, he can be found exploring the Houston region's diverse and award-winning food scene, playing board games and video games with his wife and friends, roaming the Texas Renaissance Festival, and attending his stepson's sporting events. He resides with his wife, stepson, six cats, and two dogs in the fast-growing unincorporated area between Houston and Katy, Texas.

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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