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## **CDFA Recognizes Dina Chaika, 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 Dina Chaika, Vice President of Local Lending at the Louisville Economic Development Alliance, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Chaika joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“The CDFA team welcomes Dina as the newest graduate of the DFCP program,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is for every DFCP graduate to be equipped to drive meaningful, impactful finance initiatives in their communities. We’re excited to see Dina’s professional success as an excellent contributor to the development finance industry.”

Ms. Chaika graduated with a B.S. in Economics from the University of Louisville where she worked as a research assistant to the Economics Department and played on the D1 tennis team. She then obtained an M.S. degree in Quantitative Economics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where she served as a teaching assistant for undergraduate economics courses. After graduation, Ms. Chaika joined Baird as a Financial Analyst to the Business Owner Solutions team. She currently leads local lending efforts for the Louisville Economic Development Alliance.

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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