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CDFA Recognizes Marisa Moazen, 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 Marisa Moazen, Chief Strategy Officer for Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC), as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Moazen 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 Marisa as the newest graduate of the DFCP program," states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. "She is a prime example of the excellence we look for in our industry. Our hope is that every DFCP graduate will be equipped to drive meaningful and impactful finance initiatives. We believe Marisa will make great contributions to the industry and the communities she serves."

As the Chief Strategy Officer for Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC), Ms. Moazen advances strategic initiatives and fosters key partnerships. She works to strengthen collaborations with groups to increase access to education, job training, and health resources, and is leading the Transforming Western Plan, a \$300 million redevelopment effort in Western Heights, TN. She also provides leadership for internal partners, including Communications, Procurement, HR, and IT.

Ms. Moazen has worked in the nonprofit sector since 2001 and recently crossed the \$100 million mark of funds raised through grant awards for social services, education, community infrastructure, and human rights initiatives.

She holds a PhD in Education, an MBA in Marketing, and a BS in Real Estate Finance.

She volunteers with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, United Way of Greater Knoxville, and City of Knoxville Food Policy Council, and is a proud mom to daughter Abby and son Joey.

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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