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## CDFA Recognizes Mindy Tramel, 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 Mindy Tramel, Loan Officer for Upper Cumberland Development District, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Ms. Tramel joins the ranks of fellow graduates who have invested in their professional development and are recognized as emerging leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is always looking to engage the best and brightest in development finance with this program, and we are happy to welcome Mindy into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to employ development finance tools in the communities they work in.”

Ms. Tramel serves as the Loan Officer for the Economic Development & Lending Department at the Upper Cumberland Development District in Cookeville, TN. In this role, she operates a business loan program aimed at supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses across a 14-county region. Through a revolving loan fund, Ms. Tramel provides critical financing to help businesses launch or expand, driving job creation and economic opportunity throughout the Upper Cumberland. Ms. Tramel transitioned into development finance two years ago when she accepted her current position, combining her previous experience in banking and mortgage with a passion for regional economic growth.

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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