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CDFA Recognizes Sam Buckley, 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 Sam Buckley, Director of Energy and Broadband Lending at the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA), as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Buckley joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified 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 Sam 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.”

As the Director of Energy and Broadband Lending at VEDA, Mr. Buckley brings significant expertise in economic development and finance to support Vermont's business and agricultural communities. He plays a key role in providing financing for energy and broadband projects, working closely with local businesses to promote sustainable growth throughout Vermont. With a background in commercial lending and economic policy, Mr. Buckley is recognized for his commitment to advancing Vermont's infrastructure and strengthening the state's economy.

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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