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CDFA Recognizes Alexander Lazard, DFCP

—Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program —

Dublin, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Alexander Lazard, Executive Director of the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Lazard joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is proud to recognize the dedication and commitment of professionals who pursue the DFCP designation and strengthen their expertise in development finance,” said Toby Rittner, DFCP, and President & CEO of CDFA. “We are pleased to welcome Alex to the growing community of DFCP graduates. Through this program, we hope participants gain the knowledge, tools, and confidence to put development finance strategies into action in the communities they serve. We look forward to seeing the impact Alex will make throughout his career.”

Mr. Lazard serves as Executive Director of the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority (LPTFA), where he leads efforts to activate public finance and strategic investment to advance housing, economic development, and community revitalization in Lafayette, Louisiana. His work focuses on leveraging public and private resources to address financing gaps, strengthen neighborhoods, and move complex development projects from concept to implementation.

Prior to joining LPTFA, Mr. Lazard served as a Neighborhood Planner for Lafayette Consolidated Government, where his work centered on community engagement, neighborhood development, and place-based planning. He also serves as Administrative Pastor at Destiny of Faith Church, an experience that continues to shape his commitment to community-centered leadership and meaningful civic engagement.

Mr. Lazard holds a Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of New Orleans. His professional experience spans public finance, community and economic development, project development, and regional collaboration. His work is grounded in a commitment to connecting capital with community priorities and advancing investments that create lasting opportunities for people and places.

CDFA’s Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intense training course learning experience 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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