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## CDFA Recognizes Gary Hamer, 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 Gary Hamer, Interim Deputy Director of Partner Tulsa, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Hamer 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 Gary 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.”

Mr. Hamer, MPA, AICP, DFCP, currently serves as the Interim Deputy Director for Partner Tulsa, the City of Tulsa's economic development agency. Mr. Hamer oversees key outreach and capacity-building initiatives within Partner Tulsa's Community Development team as well as strategic planning, asset management strategy, and financial planning. Prior to joining Partner Tulsa, he served as the City of Tulsa's Capital Planning and Grants Manager, where he was responsible for the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and provided oversight for the administration of the City's annual Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement funds. Mr. Hamer has served in numerous capacities during his over twenty-five-year career in local government, including transportation planning, zoning and subdivision administration, and project management. He is committed to researching and implementing best practices and is fascinated by Legacy Cities.

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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