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## CDFA Recognizes Joshua Strickland, 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 Joshua Strickland, Manager of Financial Planning and Business Analysis at Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Strickland joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is happy to welcome Joshua 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. We look forward to seeing what Joshua will accomplish in his career.”

Mr. Strickland is a seasoned finance and accounting professional and Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with over ten years of experience in accounting, financial analysis, and cross-functional leadership. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Toledo, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a focus on Accounting and Finance.

Mr. Strickland currently serves as Manager of Financial Planning and Business Analysis at the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, where he supports strategic financial planning, budgeting, forecasting, financial analysis, and business performance reporting. In this role, he provides actionable insights into executive management, supports long-term financial decision-making, and helps strengthen financial processes through data-driven analysis, internal controls, and cross-functional collaboration.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Strickland served as Accounting Manager and PACE Administrator. In these positions, he oversaw key financial processes including month-end and year-end close, financial reporting, cash flow management, and Property Assessed Clean Energy financing projects. He advised clients on loan structuring, project viability, and financial modeling while collaborating with legal, finance, and operational teams to support the successful implementation of energy efficiency projects.

Mr. Strickland’s experience with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and Ernst & Young has helped him build strong relationships with clients, contractors, government entities, and stakeholders. His communication skills, customer service focus, and financial expertise allow him to deliver clear, impactful insights and drive continuous improvement across financial operations.

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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