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CDFA Recognizes Kara Shelnutt, 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 Kara Shelnutt, Planner and Revolving Loan Fund Coordinator for the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Shelnutt joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is pleased to welcome Kara to the DFCP alumni community,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP, and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our goal is to ensure graduates leave the program with the knowledge and tools to support development finance efforts in their communities. We’re excited to see how Kara applies those skills and the impact she’ll make throughout her career.”

Ms. Shelnutt serves as Planner and Revolving Loan Fund Coordinator for the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG), serving Cullman, Lawrence, and Morgan counties in Alabama. She works directly with small business owners to help them understand their financing options and navigate the lending process, from the first conversation through closing and beyond. Alongside managing the revolving loan fund, she supports planning and economic development efforts across the region. Kara values getting to know the people behind each business and helping them find a path forward, knowing their success can make a lasting difference for their families and communities.

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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