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## **CDFA Recognizes Lynn Fetch, 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 Lynn Fetch, Operations and Finance Director at the Washington State Department of Commerce, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Fetch 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 Lynn into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP, and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our goal is for DFCP graduates to leave the program empowered to put development finance tools into practice in the communities they serve. We look forward to seeing what Lynn will accomplish in her career.”

Ms. Fetch is the Operations and Finance Director for statewide economic development programs, where she oversees more than \$160 million in federal and state small business financing initiatives, including venture capital, lending, technical assistance, and tax credit programs designed to build capacity and expand access to capital for entrepreneurs and underserved businesses.

With a background spanning economic development, finance, compliance, and entrepreneurship, she is passionate about helping small businesses access the resources they need to grow and create lasting economic impact. In addition to her public sector leadership, she has successfully built and operated private-sector business ventures, giving her a unique perspective on both the policy and practical realities of business growth.

As a newly certified Development Finance Professional (DFCP), Ms. Fetch looks forward to continuing to advance innovative financing solutions that strengthen communities and support entrepreneurs across the state.

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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