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CDFA Recognizes Nicholas Cicchitelli, 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 Nick Cicchetilli, Director of Real Estate for the City of Providence, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Cicchitelli joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“We’re excited to welcome Nick to the DFCP graduate community!” says Noelle Sheets, DFCP, Vice President of CDFA and Executive Director of the CDFA Foundation. “We hope graduates walk away from the program feeling confident and ready to put development finance tools to work in their communities. We can’t wait to see what Nick accomplishes in the years ahead!”

Nick Cicchitelli, DFCP, serves as Director of Real Estate for the City of Providence, Rhode Island, a position he has held since 2023. In this role, he leads the city's real estate initiatives and manages the Providence Redevelopment Agency's operations, working at the intersection of real estate, economic development, public policy, and community revitalization.

A Rhode Island native, Mr. Cicchitelli brings a diverse professional background spanning government, nonprofit, political, and private-sector work. His experience has shaped a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to development that recognizes the importance of balancing public priorities, private investment, and community interests.

Mr. Cicchitelli has also been actively engaged in civic and nonprofit leadership, currently serving as chair of the World Affairs Council of RI, and serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross (RI Chapter) since 2015. Previously, he served as a long-time board member of the Fox Point Neighborhood Association and later as its president.

Mr. Cicchitelli holds master's degrees in political science and public administration from the University of Rhode Island and a bachelor's degree in political science from The George Washington University.

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.

The **Council of Development Finance Agencies** is a national association dedicated to the advancement of development finance concerns and interests. CDFA is comprised of the nation’s leading and most knowledgeable members of the development finance community representing public, private, and non-profit entities alike. For more information about CDFA, visit **www.cdfa.net**.

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