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CDFA Recognizes Richard Foster, 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 Richard Foster, Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources for Klickitat County, Washington, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Foster joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“CDFA is pleased to welcome Richard as one of our newest DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP, and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our goal is for every graduate to leave the DFCP program prepared to put development finance tools into practice and create meaningful impact in their communities. We’re excited to see all that Richard accomplishes in the years ahead.”

Mr. Foster is an economic development professional with 10 years of local government experience. He most recently served as the Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources for Klickitat County, Washington. In that role, he supported business retention and expansion, infrastructure strategy, workforce development, public funding, clean-energy project coordination, and regional economic development planning.

He has worked on major infrastructure and energy development initiatives, including aviation infrastructure, site-readiness efforts, workforce programs, and large-scale clean-energy opportunities. He has also worked directly with businesses, local governments, state and federal agencies, utilities, chambers, consultants, and community partners to advance economic growth and investment readiness.

Mr. Foster holds an MBA in Finance from Syracuse University and bachelor’s degrees in Business Administration and Economics from Central Washington University. He has completed development finance training through CDFA, with coursework focused on public finance tools, targeted development finance programs, investment tools, and access-to-capital strategies.

In addition to his civilian career, Mr. Foster serves as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve with combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. His military background includes leadership, operations, logistics, and advisory experience across multiple deployments. Mr. Foster’s professional focus is on helping communities strengthen local economies through practical strategy, public-sector coordination, infrastructure investment, business support, and long-term economic resilience.

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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