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## CDFA Recognizes Shiloh Poynter, 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 Shiloh Poynter, Program & Contract Manager for the Washington State Department of Commerce, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Poynter 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 Shiloh 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 Shiloh will accomplish.”

Ms. Poynter joined the Washington State Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Division in 2023 after working at the Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD) in workforce development for two years. Prior to working at ESD, Ms. Poynter spent 15 years working in Higher Education, supporting and managing federal academic grant programs. She has also been a small business owner for six years. Ms. Poynter earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and English from Washington State University and a Master’s in Communication and Leadership from Gonzaga 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.

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