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CDFA Recognizes Craig Teamer, DFCP

-Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program -

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Craig Teamer, Manager of Finance & Special Projects for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, in Toledo, OH as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Mr. Teamer joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as emerging 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 Craig 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."

Craig L. Teamer currently serves as Manager, Finance & Special Projects for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Craig has worked in the corporate finance/banking industry for over 20 years. In his current role, Craig oversees the Port Authority's Northwest Ohio Bond Fund (NWOBF) and Capital Lease programs, Northwest Ohio Revolving Loan Fund, and the Diversified Contractors Accelerator Program (DCAP). He also manages the Microenterprise Development Initiative, which is a partnership between the Port and the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) to provide access to capital and technical assistance to start-up and existing ventures finding it difficult to obtain traditional financing. Since joining the Port in 2017, Craig has been involved in the financing of approximately \$330 million in projects.

Craig was a recipient of the Toledo 20 Under 40 Leadership Award in 2014. His involvement with the African-American Leadership Council of United Way of Greater Toledo (AALC) included serving as Co-Chair of AALC, Co-Chair of the Strategic Partnerships Committee, as a member of the Real Men READ-y Steering Committee, and as a liaison on the Community Impact Cabinet (CIC). His past volunteer activities include serving as a board member for INROADS Northwest Ohio, Leadership Toledo, The University of Toledo Joint Committee – Toledo EXCEL, Springfield Schools Foundation, and The University of Toledo Alumni Association. He has served as Director of Educational Affairs, Treasurer, and Vice President for the Alpha Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He currently serves as Treasurer and Audit/Finance Chair for the United Way of Greater Toledo Board of Directors.

He is married to Stephanie Teamer and together they reside in Holland, Ohio with their three children, Justin, Jalen, and Kendall.

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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