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CDFA Launches New England Partnerships

—CDFA New England Financing Roundtable in Partnership with Connecticut Green Bank, Finance Authority of Maine, MassDevelopment, New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and Vermont Economic Development Authority—

Columbus, OH - The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Connecticut Green Bank, Finance Authority of Maine, MassDevelopment, New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and Vermont Economic Development Authority as official partners of the CDFA New England Financing Roundtable. The CDFA New England Financing Roundtable, in partnership with Connecticut Green Bank, Finance Authority of Maine, MassDevelopment, New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and Vermont Economic Development Authority, is dedicated to retaining and expanding a sustainable economic development finance industry in New England through education, resource development, research and networking. Launched this year, the Roundtable offers webcasts, online resources, live events and a dedicated state finance newsletter.

“CDFA is very excited to announce this new roundtable partnerships with Connecticut Green Bank, Finance Authority of Maine, MassDevelopment, New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and Vermont Economic Development Authority,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “These partnerships mark a new evolution in the CDFA New England Financing Roundtable. We believe this is a big step forward for our work in New England. With the support of Connecticut Green Bank, Finance Authority of Maine, MassDevelopment, New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and Vermont Economic Development Authority, we intend to continue to shape our mission in advancing development finance knowledge, networks, and innovation in New England.”

Connecticut Green Bank, Finance Authority of Maine, MassDevelopment, New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and Vermont Economic Development Authority will join CDFA to host the 1st New England Financing Roundtable Conference in Boston. Join us on December 14, 2017 in Boston to gain knowledge, expand your network, and improve development finance in New England. The 2017 conference will feature experts and development finance practitioners from around New England and across the United States discussing critical topics in the development finance field currently trending in the New England economy.

Connecticut Green Bank is the nation’s first green bank. Established by the Connecticut General Assembly on July 1, 2011 as a part of Public Act 11-80, Connecticut Green Bank supports the Governor’s and Legislature’s energy strategy to achieve cleaner, less expensive, and more reliable sources of energy while creating jobs and supporting local economic development. The Connecticut Green Bank evolved from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) and the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA), which was given a broader mandate in 2011 to become the Connecticut Green Bank. For more information on the great work that Connecticut Green Bank does in New England visit: www.ctgreenbank.com.

Finance Authority of Maine was established as Maine’s business finance agency in 1983 and charged with supporting the start-up, expansion and growth plans of Maine’s business community. The agency began working closely with Maine’s lending community to improve access to capital as well as to help fill gaps that exist in the State’s capital delivery system. For more information on the great work that Finance Authority of Maine does in New England visit: www.famemaine.com.

MassDevelopment formed in 1998 from a merger of the Government Land Bank and Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency. The Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority was merged into MassDevelopment in 2010, strengthening the depth of offerings for tax-exempt bond financing of capital projects. For more information on the great work that MassDevelopment does in New England visit: www.massdevelopment.com.

New Hampshire Business Finance Authority was created in 1992 to foster economic development and create employment in New Hampshire. The BFA accomplishes these objectives by working with New Hampshire's banking, business, and economic development sectors to develop and implement programs which expand the availability of credit in the state. Our customers include manufacturers, small and medium-sized businesses, health providers, and non-profit educational and cultural organizations. For more information on the great work that New Hampshire Business Finance Authority does in New England visit: www.nhbfa.com.

Rhode Island Commerce Corporation is dedicated to stimulating economic growth in Rhode Island, the Commerce Corporation is a customer service-focused agency that invests in Rhode Island’s businesses. By helping to navigate the public sector, providing financing vehicles, deploying state incentives, and investing in networking opportunities, the Commerce Corporation is in the business of business. For more information on the great work that Rhode Island Commerce Corporation does in New England visit: www.commerceri.com.

Vermont Economic Development Authority is Vermont’s statewide economic development finance lender. Created by the General Assembly in 1974, VEDA’s mission is “to contribute to the creation and retention of quality jobs in Vermont by providing loans and other financial support to eligible and qualified Vermont industrial, commercial and agricultural enterprises.” For more information on the great work that Vermont Economic Development Authority does in New England visit: www.veda.org.

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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