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CDFA Oklahoma-Kansas Financing Roundtable Launched **—New State Initiative Will Advance Development Finance in Region—**

Oklahoma/Kansas Financing Roundtable Conference **June 22 in Oklahoma City**

Columbus, OH - The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the launch of the CDFA Oklahoma/Kansas Financing Roundtable. The Roundtable is dedicated to growing a sustainable economic development finance industry for the state of Oklahoma and Kansas and will bring the development finance industry together through education, resource management, research, and networking.

In partnership with Development Capital Networks (DCN), this year the Roundtable will have a specific concentration on building and assembling the finance resources to support the Small Business Administration (SBA) industry clusters, and will use the unmanned aerial systems industry as a primary example of how development finance tools could be used to grow this industry in Kansas and Oklahoma. DCN works closely with the SBA and manages the UAS industry cluster initiative in the Kansas & Oklahoma region with the support of the SBA.

"CDFA is very proud to announce the launch of this new roundtable," said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. "We're excited to bring this opportunity to the Kansas and Oklahoma areas to help support their development finance networks."

The CDFA Oklahoma/Kansas Financing Roundtable will offer its inaugural annual conference on June 22nd at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City. Along with this annual conference, the roundtable will offer webcasts, online resources and dedicated state finance newsletters in the coming months. Topics covered will include bonds, tax increment finance/special assessment, tax credits, revolving loan funds, capital access, energy finance, seed and venture capital, public-private partnerships and the entire development finance toolbox.

As part of this launch, the CDFA Oklahoma/Kansas Financing Roundtable Advisory Committee was established to help lead the initiative's programming and direction. Advisory Committee participation is open to all active members and interested stakeholders. Those interested in serving should contact CDFA.

CDFA has a very strong presence in Oklahoma and Kansas. We have a number of members located in the state and hundreds of professionals engaged in CDFA on an ongoing basis. To learn more about membership or to join, visit the CDFA website.

More information regarding the CDFA Oklahoma/Kansas Financing Roundtable conference is available at www.cdfa.net.

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