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CDFA Announces Duanne Andrade, DFCP

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

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce Duanne Andrade, Chief Financial Officer for Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) in Port St. Lucie, FL, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Andrade has gained valuable knowledge and experience to help tackle the complexities of the development finance industry.

“Duanne is a wonderful addition to our growing list of DFCP graduates” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “We strive for our graduates to take what they have learned and use that knowledge to better their communities, and Duanne has been a great example of this.”

Duanne Andrade earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from New York University (NYU) and a Master in Business Administration from the Harvard International Institute for Development (HIID), in cooperation with the Catholic University of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Andrade, a Bolivian national, developed a passion for social and environmental justice issues while growing up in 8 countries spanning 4 continents. During her professional life, Andrade held positions in financial institutions in the United States, Bolivia, and Mexico and also spent many years creating small businesses and consulting for innovative financing programs focused on sustainability, clean energy finance, and micro finance. Since 2013, she has been serving as the Chief Strategic and Financial Officer for the Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF), based in Florida. In her current role, Andrade is responsible for raising capital as well as overseeing the financial operation, risk management, and loan portfolio performance. She is responsible for developing innovative financing programs for low-and-moderate income earners to access affordable capital to make sustainable home improvements, based on ability to repay rather than credit scores. As an advocate for women’s empowerment, Duanne founded a non-profit organization in Florida to help women victims of abuse, violence, and poverty create and finance their small businesses.

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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