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CDFA Recognizes Madeline Bouton, 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 Madeline Bouton, Deputy City Administrator for the City of Basehor, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Bouton joins fellow program graduates who have invested in their professional development and are recognized as emerging leaders in the development finance industry.

“The CDFA team is happy to welcome Madeline into the ranks of DFCP graduates. She is a great ambassador of the DFCP program and reflects the best of the development finance industry,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their work in the DFCP program, graduates are prepared to tackle critical development finance efforts in their communities.”

With over 12 years of public finance experience, Ms. Bouton serves as the Deputy City Administrator for the City of Basehor, Kansas, the second-fastest growing city in the state. She has been with the city for over three years and during her time there, Ms. Bouton has overseen two large bond issues for city projects that aim to enhance residents’ quality of life. During those bond issues, the city received special recognition for strong financial management and received an AA+ bond rating from S&P Global, a rare award for a city of Basehor’s size.

Ms. Bouton also played a key role in securing Basehor's largest economic development project to date—Fareway Stores’ first full-service grocery store in Kansas, eliminating the city's food desert. Additionally, she has helped secure over \$22 million in grants and external funding for capital projects, including major roadways and trails.

Ms. Bouton is a strong believer in delivering quality services to Basehor residents, and the link between economic development and community success. She holds a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Baker University and is a Certified Public Manager from the University of Kansas Public Management Center.

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 thorough 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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