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CDFA Recognizes Natalie Abbadessa, DFCP

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

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to welcome Natalie Abbadessa, Director of Operations for The Agency Broome County IDA/LDC in New York, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. A new graduate, Ms. Abbadessa joins the ranks of fellow graduates who have invested in their professional development and are prepared to tackle the complexities of 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 Natalie into the ranks of DFCP graduates,” states Toby Rittner, DCFP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to advance critical development finance efforts in the communities where they work.”

Natalie Abbadessa serves as the Director of Operations at The Agency Broome County IDA/LDC. In this role, Natalie manages the day-to-day office operations in addition to overseeing The Agency’s financial assistance programs including three revolving loan funds, the Small Business Incentive program, and Payment in Lieu of Taxes projects. Natalie works closely with local businesses to facilitate their growth through The Agency’s innovative BR+E program, as well as develops critical relationships with outside businesses seeking relocation services resulting in new investments in Broome County.

Natalie has been with The Agency since 2015 serving as the Business Development Coordinator and later the Business & Workforce Development Specialist. Natalie is a steadfast advocate for the local business community and is dedicated to ensuring economic prosperity for Broome County. She lives in Endicott, New York with her husband and three children.

As part of CDFA’s comprehensive education resources, the Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intensive training course and learning experience which serves as the industry’s only comprehensive development finance certification program. CDFA’s 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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