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## Laura Canter Presented Prestigious CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award

### —Distinguished Development Finance Career Recognized —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the recipient of the **2023 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award**, Laura Canter, Executive Vice President and director of the Finance Programs Division of MassDevelopment. This year's winners will be formally awarded during a special ceremony at the 2023 CDFA National Development Finance Summit in Philadelphia, PA, on November 9.

The CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development finance industry throughout their professional careers. Winners have made innovative and lasting contributions that have greatly impacted how development finance programs are operated, managed, and administered. This award honors those individuals and their significant legislative contributions to advancing new development finance tools, strategies, and approaches.

"The CDFA team is proud to honor Laura and her accomplishments at this year's CDFA National Development Finance Summit. Her years of service to the industry and her community has set a phenomenal example for the future of development finance," states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA.

Laura Canter is the Executive Vice President and director of the Finance Programs Division of **MassDevelopment**, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' development and finance authority. Reporting to Ms. Canter are the Commercial Lending, Community Development, New Markets Tax Credit, and Investment Banking practices, with offices throughout the state. The division serves governmental entities, private businesses, and nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt bond financing, tax credits, and alternative loan products. Ms. Canter's career has been spent in finance, public policy, and economic development. She holds an undergraduate degree in Communications from Emerson College and an MBA in Finance from Bentley University.

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