

OPPORTUNITY FINANCE NETWORK ADDS TWO SENIOR EXECUTIVES

Geoffrey Kent Hired as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President for Planning; Terrence Clark Fills New Senior Vice President of Knowledge Sharing Position.

PHILADELPHIA, PA//April 18, 2006//Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) today announced that it has hired two new senior executives, Geoffrey Kent and Terrence Clark, to further expand its headquarters operation in Philadelphia, PA. OFN is a \$4 billion national network of 167 financial institutions focused on strategies to help people join the economic mainstream, including programs to combat predatory lending and increase home ownership in low-income areas.

Geoffrey Kent took over as OFN chief financial officer and executive vice president for planning on April 3, 2006. Kent will manage strategic and operational planning and execution. He will also oversee financial performance and management, budget development and management, and is responsible for human relations and information systems oversight.

Terrence Clark joined OFN as the new senior vice president of knowledge sharing on April 10, 2006. In this new role, Clark will oversee the Annual Conference, new learning systems, Consulting Services, and publications.

NCCA President and CEO Mark Pinsky said: **“Geoff will play a vital role in helping lead the opportunity finance industry to scale, leveraging his financial and operational expertise at driving value for fast growing, global consulting and high technology companies. Terrence will transform knowledge sharing for opportunity finance, enabling a new generation of industry professionals and leaders to take us to the next level.”**

Former CFO **Kathy Stearns** has moved into a new role as Executive Vice President, CARS™. Kathy will be focused on building the CDFI Assessment and Rating System (CARS™), which was launched in 2004, by substantially increasing the number of subscribers and ratings. These objective, third-party ratings will attract new investors to the opportunity finance industry. They are already notable. In March 2005, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan called CARS™ a “critical step in advancing understanding of the community economic development finance field.”

Prior to joining OFN, Geoffrey Kent ran Kent Consulting Group, in Philadelphia, PA. Previously, Kent held executive positions with Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group, The Erving Group, AT&T, and Xerox. Kent holds an MBA from the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania and a BA in business administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Terrence Clark has served in leadership positions with numerous community/economic development organizations. His resume includes stints with the 47th Street Business Improvement District in New York City, the National Association of Securities Professionals, the Mott Haven ACT Neighborhood Strategies Project, and other groups. Clark began his career with the Small Business Administration in New York City. He holds a BA degree in economics and business administration from Hunter College.

ABOUT OPPORTUNITY FINANCE NETWORK

The Opportunity Finance Network is the new \$4 billion national network of 167 financial institutions that finds and finances opportunities that others overlook. Formerly the National Community Capital Association, OFN was launched in January 2006 to advance its 20-year track record with a bold, new emphasis on high-volume and high-impact financing strategies to align capital with social, economic, and political justice. OFN's financing, advocacy, and knowledge sharing are dedicated to closing the gap between promising opportunities and real accomplishments for American people, communities, and markets that are outside the economic mainstream today. For more details about Opportunity Finance Network initiatives for 2006 and beyond, go to <http://www.opportunityfinance.net>.

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