



OPPORTUNITY FINANCE NETWORK HIRES FORMER FEDERAL CDFI OFFICIAL AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR KNOWLEDGE SHARING

National Network of Community Development Financial Institutions Creates New Position to Advance Its "Knowledge Sharing Strategy"

PHILADELPHIA, PA.///May 15, 2007///Opportunity Finance Network, the nation's leading association of community development finance institutions (CDFIs), today announced that it has hired Donna Fabiani, former manager for financial strategies and research of the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. Fabiani is now serving in a newly created OFN position: executive vice president of knowledge sharing.

In her new role, she will manage and help foster new innovations for Opportunity Finance Network's capacity building services and products. Fabiani's primary responsibility is to help guide the success of OFN's "knowledge sharing strategy" of the organization. Specifically, she will develop and implement a business plan for increasing the flow of knowledge to and among OFN members and others in the opportunity finance industry.

"Donna has a rich depth of experience that touches on every aspect of what it will take to successfully lead our knowledge sharing team," said OFN President & CEO Mark Pinsky. "There is no one better to help us train and retain the next generation of opportunity finance leaders."

Fabiani's previous work experience includes a five-year stint as Manager for Financial Strategies and Research with the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund at U.S. Department of the Treasury, where she managed a research department that analyzed the performance of banks, credit unions, loan funds and venture capital funds that provide business, housing and consumer financing to economically distressed communities.

She also held positions as director of FINCA USA from 1993-1998, and as a consultant with Community Economics Corporation in Arlington, VA., from 1992 to 1993.

Fabiani earned a MPA with a concentration in International Community Development from Princeton University in 1998 and a BA in Economics from Colby College, Waterville, Maine in 1982.

A high resolution, headshot photograph of Donna Fabiani is available for download at <http://www.opportunityfinance.net/press/press.aspx?id=788>.

ABOUT OPPORTUNITY FINANCE NETWORK

Opportunity Finance Network is the leading network of private financial intermediaries identifying and investing in opportunities to benefit low-income and low-wealth people in the U.S. Our financing delivers both sound financial returns and real changes for people and communities. Opportunity Finance Network originated more than \$11 billion in financing in non-conforming urban, rural, and reservation-based markets through 2005. This has generated or maintained 170,693 jobs; 35,441 businesses; 484,943 housing units; and, 5,153 community facility projects. With cumulative net charge-off rates of less than 1%, we have demonstrated our ability to lend prudently and productively in unconventional markets often overlooked by conventional financial institutions. More information about Opportunity Finance Network can be found online at www.opportunityfinance.net.

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