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### **Promotion for IFF Missouri Director Growth Planned for IFF in Missouri Region**

IFF Missouri Director Kirby Burkholder has been promoted to Executive Director – Missouri. He will now have expanded responsibility for staff, operations and management of IFF's Missouri office which now includes all of Southern Illinois.

Burkholder has been with IFF for 10 years. He relocated from Chicago to St. Louis to open the IFF office on Washington Avenue in 2008. On behalf of IFF, Burkholder is active with Gateway Center for Giving, the Regional Chamber and Growth Association, the Youthbridge Social Enterprise and Innovation Competition, the St. Louis Microfinance Network, the Missouri Statewide Nonprofit Association, and Nonprofit Services Center.

"It has been so rewarding to work closely with Missouri nonprofits as they think strategically about facilities and the connection to financial and operational health," says Burkholder. "I look forward to continuing to grow our office to respond to the needs of Missouri nonprofits and work more closely with nonprofits across all of Southern Illinois."

Goals for 2011 in the region include closing on an \$8 million New Market Tax Credit loan pool disbursing an additional \$8-million in flexible, below-market financing and ramp-up of IFF's Real Estate Services program in Missouri.

IFF has been operating in Missouri since 2006, providing 87 below-market rate loans to Missouri-area nonprofits for a total principal of almost \$37 million.

Burkholder's civic involvement includes serving on the Early Childhood Education Allocation Panel for United Way of Greater St. Louis, and is the Cultural Diversity Committee Co-chair for the City of St. Louis Mayor's Vanguard Cabinet. He is a 2008 Leadership St. Louis fellow and a member of FOCUS St. Louis. He joined IFF in 2000 from The Resurrection Project in Chicago.

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