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Midwest's Top-Rated Community Development Financial Institution, IFF, Hires First COO, Matthew Roth

Will Enhance IFF's Capabilities for Growth and Midwest Expansion

Chicago, IL, November 11, 2013 -- Enhancing its capabilities for growth and expansion, IFF, the Midwest's top-rated community development financial institution (CDFI), has hired its first Chief Operating Officer (COO), industry veteran Matthew Roth. IFF, which this year is marking its 25th anniversary, said that Roth will lead and manage the business and operating units of IFF - - and will help facilitate its plans for "successful regional expansion to encompass the entire Midwest."

Roth has significant experience in banking, finance and community development. Most recently, he was leading efforts to establish a new community development bank in Chicago, focusing on the underserved low-moderate income population of the city's South Side. He was previously at Harris Bank for nearly 15 years, working in credit, risk management, strategy and as Vice President and Segment Manager, Hispanic Banking.

"Matt Roth has that unique combination of entrepreneurial spirit, business acumen and 'people skills' that will help strengthen IFF's operations, top to bottom," said IFF CEO Joe Neri. "He will play a key role in helping us expand and grow in the years ahead."

IFF, which currently provides financial services in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana and Kansas, recently completed an important [five-year strategic plan](#). The plan projects that IFF "will provide comprehensive solutions with transformational outcomes in low-income and special needs communities throughout the Midwest by 2018."

IFF's strong financial performance and wide-reaching community impact has earned it the highest rating from the CDFI Assessment and Rating System (CARS). This makes IFF one of only five CDFIs nationwide – and the only one in the Midwest – to earn CARS' highest rating of "1" for Financial Strength and Performance; "AAA" for Impact Performance; and a "Policy Plus" for leadership in policy changes supporting disadvantaged people and communities.

IFF Stands for Comprehensive Community Development

One of America's leading nonprofit community development financial institutions (CDFIs), IFF strengthens nonprofits and their communities through lending and real estate consulting that helps these organizations plan, finance, and build facilities that are critical to their success. Founded in 1988, IFF has total assets of more than \$235 million and serves nonprofits working with low-income communities and special needs populations in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri Wisconsin and Kansas. Please visit www.iff.org.

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