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**Nonprofit Lender Hires New Vice President for Loan Program Growth**  
*Staff addition's experience, expertise will accelerate IFF's Midwest expansion*

**Chicago, IL**—To spearhead the growth of its lending across the Midwest, nonprofit lender IFF welcomes banking veteran Craig Mizushima today as vice president of its Capital Solutions department. The staff addition comes at a time when IFF is embarking on a plan to expand beyond its previous five-state footprint to include all 12 states in the Midwest.

For four years, Mizushima served as senior vice president and Midwest regional manager at US Bank, where he directed affordable housing lending. Through senior-level positions at BMO Harris and Northern Trust Company, he led affordable housing, business banking, and commercial real estate lending; supervised community development projects in such markets as central Indiana and southern Wisconsin; and managed programs involving New Markets Tax Credits and financing for charter schools. Most recently, he served as Chicago Housing Authority's deputy chief of development.

"I've known Craig for a long time and hold him in the highest regard," IFF chief executive officer Joe Neri said. "He's a very familiar face in the nonprofit world, having worked with community development organizations and government agencies while leading lending teams across Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, and Indiana. Given our mission and our financial partners, Craig is a great fit for us as we continue to expand across the Midwest."

Early in his career, Mizushima worked for Greater North-Pulaski Development Corp., Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, and Chicago's Planning and Development Department. He also has volunteered with several nonprofits, including serving on boards for Local Initiatives Support Corporation of Chicago, Chicago Neighborhoods Initiatives, and the Chicago Council on Urban Affairs. Currently, he is on the Illinois Housing Council's board.

"I'm thrilled to join one of the nation's top-rated community development financial institutions, and I look forward to helping our lending team grow IFF's footprint," Mizushima said. "Serving the entire Midwest by 2018 is more than a geographical goal. We're in these communities to stay and make a lasting impact."

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**About IFF**

IFF is a mission-driven lender, real estate consultant, and developer that helps communities thrive by creating opportunities for low-income and special needs populations. From child care to senior housing, IFF works closely with clients from every sector, offering affordable, flexible financing; full-scale real estate consulting; and community development services. Since 1988, we have made over \$450 million in loans, leveraged \$1.4 billion in community investments, and grown our total managed assets to \$300 million.