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## **CDFA Announces Renewable Energy Finance Webcast Series for 2012**

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the **CDFA-Stern Brothers Renewable Energy Finance Webcast Series** for 2012 in partnership with the Clean Energy Group (CEG). This free four-part webcast series will look at new and innovative trends in renewable energy finance as well as energy-related topics of current significance impacting the development finance industry.

Energy development is one of the fastest growing sectors in the U.S. economy, and there are a variety of emerging financing tools spurring this growth. From credit enhancements and interest-rate buydowns to property assessed clean energy bonds and on-bill financing structures, federal, state, and local agencies are actively seeking new programs and solutions to forward the nation's renewable energy opportunities. This new Webcast Series is aimed at addressing these real-time issues through the perspective of the industry's top leaders.

"CDFA is very grateful for the support of Stern Brothers and the Clean Energy Group in partnering with us to develop a new webcast series focused on renewable energy finance," said CDFA President & CEO, Toby Rittner. "As more of our members look for ways to finance renewable energy projects in their communities, this free webcast series will provide insight into best practices and important trends."

The first **CDFA-Stern Brothers Renewable Energy Finance Webcast Series** will take place on Thursday, March 8, 2012 titled "What Does Today's Renewable Energy Marketplace Look Like?" Future webcasts will be held on May 3, September 13, and November 15. Webcasts will also be recorded and saved for future review by individuals not able to attend the live presentations. Learn more and register for the Webcast [online](#).

"It's possible to finance renewable projects in today's market. There are certain investor criteria that we know from our experience in financing renewable projects that we look forward to sharing with the webcast participants," said Les Krone, Senior Vice President of Stern Brothers & Co.

"How to finance clean energy at scale is one of the most pressing public policy issues facing the country," said CEG President Lewis Milford. "Bringing the best public and private experts in infrastructure finance together in a new partnership is critical to fund a clean energy economy."

The hour-long dialogues allow participants, no matter their location, to join the discussion, view presentations, and interact with experts around the country. Webcasts are open to all interested stakeholders in the economic development, energy finance, public finance and government leadership industries from both the private and public sectors.

**Stern Brothers & Co.**, member SIPC, is an independent, certified woman-owned business enterprise (WBE) investment bank specializing in creating customized financing solutions for public and private borrowers. Stern Brothers & Co. has a national practice in renewable energy finance representing public and private company developers and operators seeking non-recourse project financing in the ethanol, biodiesel, coal gasification, methane gas, biomass, and waste-to-energy sectors. For more information about Stern Brothers & Co., visit [www.sternbrothers.com](http://www.sternbrothers.com).



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