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CEDAM Announces 2012 Board of Directors and Officers

Lansing, MI - The Community Economic Development Association (CEDAM) is pleased to announce the election of the officers for its 2011-2012 Board of Directors. Board members represent CEDAM's statewide membership, as well as partner organizations, providing oversight while helping to guide CEDAM's strategic direction. Board members serve two-year terms, while officers serve a one-year term.

"CEDAM is honored to have such a dedicated and talented Board of Directors," said Jamie Schriener-Hooper, CEDAM's Executive Director. "The Board and its officers represent key pieces of Michigan's community economic development efforts. We greatly appreciate their input and guidance."

CEDAM staffs several state-wide collaborative efforts that address vital community needs. In 2007, CEDAM launched the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force, providing tools to address the foreclosure issue, including its 20-member strong AmeriCorps program, the Foreclosure Prevention Corps. Additionally, CEDAM staffs the Asset Building Policy Project, supporting efforts to assist vulnerable Michigan families to obtain financial security. In 2002, CEDAM began addressing the concerns of rural communities through the Michigan Rural Network. More than 350 non-profit professionals have been trained through CEDAM's signature Comprehensive Community Development Institute and Real Estate Development Training program. In May, CEDAM launched a Comcast television show, *The Bright Side*, which highlights some of the incredible work that is happening across the state in community development. CEDAM's Board of Directors provides guidance and participation in all of CEDAM's programs.

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The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), a nonprofit organization, represents hundreds of organizations and individuals committed to rebuilding our neighborhoods and revitalizing communities throughout Michigan. CEDAM is a membership association of primarily nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs), community action agencies, and other nonprofits that provide affordable and supportive housing to our most vulnerable citizens, encourage downtown and commercial corridor revitalization, provide workforce and entrepreneurship training, and help families develop and maintain assets. For more information about CEDAM, please visit www.cedam.info.

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