



Pictured LtoR Deborah Moore and Linda Stringfellow

Community Leaders Receive Economic Development Finance Professionals Certification

On January 30, 2008 Deborah Moore and Linda Stringfellow received certification as Economic Development Finance Professionals (EDFP) from the National Development Council (NDC). Certification is a designation given to individuals who successfully complete an intensive economic development finance training services that is conducted by NDC. The courses provide individuals working in the field of economic development with training in credit analysis, real estate financing, loan packaging, deal structuring and negotiating, and the creation and implementation of development programs.

Each of the four courses are five days in length and each end with a written review that must be passed before a certification candidate is allowed to continue in the EDFP program. When a candidate has completed the entire four-week series, a comprehensive examination is given.

The New York based National Development Council was established in 1972 and is a private non-profit corporation, which specializes, in economic/housing development training and technical assistance for economic/housing development. NDC has provided training to approximately 50,000 development people working in the field of economic and housing development. Participants come from many diverse groups, city and state governments, public agencies, community-based organizations, professional organizations, bankers, etc.

Moore is presently the Director of the Center for Community Development at Delta State University and Stringfellow is the Project Director of AmeriCorps*VISTA at the Center for Community and Economic Development. Both ladies are pursuing a PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.