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**Tony T. Brown, Director**

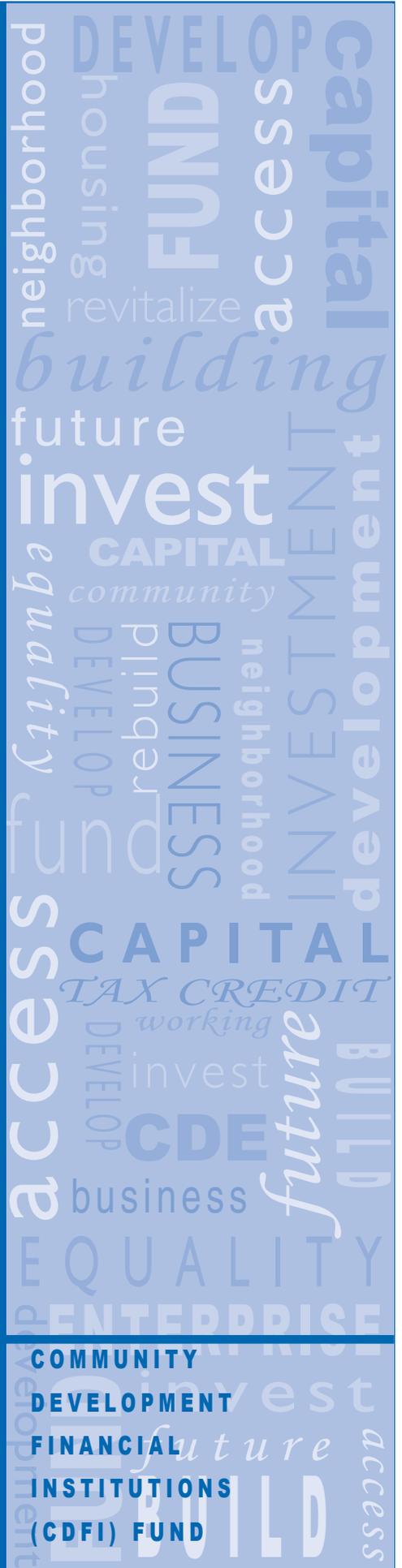
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Thank you, Mark, for your introduction. I am very happy to be with you all tonight to celebrate the important work that we all do. It is also my great pleasure to introduce the video you are about to see.

Unfortunately, my boss, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, John W. Snow could not join us tonight as he had another commitment, but he did want to send his wishes.

President George W. Bush nominated John William Snow to be the 73rd Secretary of the Treasury on January 13, 2003. The United States Senate unanimously confirmed Snow to the position on January 30, 2003 and he was sworn into office on February 3, 2003. As Secretary of the Treasury, Snow works closely with President Bush to strengthen economic growth and create jobs. Prior to his tenure at Treasury, Secretary Snow was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CSX Corporation, where he successfully guided the transportation company through a period of tremendous change.

So, I am honored to be able to introduce to you Secretary John Snow.

[VIDEO]

I'd like to take a few minutes to highlight the role of the CDFI Fund within the Treasury Department and this Administration.

The mission of the Department of the Treasury is to promote the conditions for prosperity and stability in the US, and encourage prosperity and stability in the rest of the world.

This mission statement highlights Treasury's role as steward to U.S. economic and financial systems, and as an influential participant in the international economy.

Treasury's commitment to our citizens is to create economic and employment opportunities for all by raising the rate of sustainable growth.

In order to perform at its full potential, the U.S. economy must increase its rate of growth and create new, high quality jobs for all Americans.

