



COUNCIL OF INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITIES

2021 CIFA SRF Workshop

Salt Lake City, Utah • October 4, 1:50 – 2:50 pm

Lessons Learned: Lead Leaders

Learn how Ohio and Rhode Island utilized the Water Infrastructure Fund Transfer Act to increase funding for lead service line replacement. Get an update from Illinois on their lead service line replacement program.

Meet the Speakers



Jerry Rouch, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Jerry is the Deputy Director for Infrastructure Funding at Ohio EPA. In his role as Deputy Director, Jerry oversees the Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance (DEFA), including the Office of Financial Assistance, which administers the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention, which administers compliance assistance to small businesses, and the Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant Program. Jerry also works across multiple Divisions within Ohio EPA to coordinate and develop new funding programs. Jerry has been with Ohio EPA for over 30 years. Jerry represents EPA Region 5 on the Board of Directors of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA).



Jeffrey R. Diehl, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank

Jeffrey R. Diehl is the Executive Director and CEO of Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, the state's central hub for financing infrastructure improvements for municipalities, businesses and homeowners. Jeff has over 35 years of experience in public finance and prior to this role was the Managing Partner of Strategic Sovereign Advisors LLC, a consulting firm advising governments and financial institutions. Previously, he held various senior positions at HSBC, a global financial institution, including Vice Chairman – US Public Sector and Global Head of Public Sector Banking. He holds BA and MBA degrees from the University of Michigan.



Gary Bingenheimer, P.E., Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Gary Bingenheimer is Manager of the Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, Bureau of Water, for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency where he has worked for nearly 25 years. Before his current position, he served as Manager of the Pre-Construction Unit in the Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section where he oversaw ten Project Managers working to secure funding for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. He began his public service in the Wastewater Permitting Section. Prior to joining the Agency, he worked five years in the electric utility industry performing electric rate analysis and cost of service studies. Gary earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Illinois.