## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDERS AND ORIGINATORS:

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) issued a final rule requiring residential mortgage lenders and originators to establish anti-money laundering (AML) programs and report suspicious activities (SARs) under the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA). The rule was effective April 16, 2012 and the compliance date was August 13, 2012.

The final rule requires non-bank residential mortgage lenders and originators to establish AML programs and file SARs. The AML requirements include:

- Policies, procedures and internal controls based on the company's risk assessment associated with its products and services. Mortgage lenders and originators should integrate agents and brokers into its AML program and obtain all relevant customer related information necessary for an effective AML program.
- Designate a compliance officer.
- Provide for on-going training for appropriate persons concerning their responsibilities under the AML program.
- Provide for independent testing to monitor and maintain an adequate program. Mortgage lenders and originators must file SARs thirty days from detection, if it is \$5000 or more and must retain the documentation for five years.

A determination of compliance with these new requirements will be part of examinations by this office. More information regarding the final rule and the requirements can be obtained at <u>www.FinCEN.gov.</u>

By signing below, the principal of the applicant indicates he/she is familiar with the above described requirements and that the applicant company and its originators are prepared to comply.

Signature

**Printed Name** 

Title

Date