AGENCY

UNDERWRITING BULLETIN

To: All Florida Agents

From: Florida Legal Department

Date: April 15, 2025

Bulletin No.: FLB25-002

Re: FinCEN Geographic Targeting Order – **EXTENDED**

On April 14, 2025, FinCEN extended the terms of its October, 2024, Geographic Targeting Order (GTO) as shown below.

SUMMARY

- 1. For Florida, the FinCEN GTO is effective April 15, 2024, to October 9, 2025.
- 2. Field 45 of Part IV of the Currency Transaction Report (CTR) should show **REGTO0425**. Except for those two (2) changes, there are <u>no</u> other substantive changes from the previous GTO Order.

Filing Requirements ***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS TO: FloridaFinCEN@OldRepublicTitle.com***

- 1. **Within 30 days** of closing, **settlement agent shall electronically file the CTR** in the Department of Treasury BSA E-Filing System portal at https://bsaefiling.fincen.treas.gov (settlement agents may create an account at this portal).
- 2. After submitting the CTR in the BSA E-Filing System, the settlement agent shall retain a copy in their file and **email a copy of the CTR** along with confirmation of its filing to **Old Republic Title** at **FloridaFinCEN@OldRepublicTitle.com**.

FinCEN Criteria

If a transaction meets <u>ALL</u> five (5) of the criteria below ("Covered Transaction"), a settlement agent must complete and file the CTR in the BSA E-Filing System.

- 1. The transaction involves a purchase of one or more residential real property (not vacant land) in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, or Collier Counties; and
- 2. The total purchase price is \$300,000.00 or more; and
- The purchaser is a corporation, limited liability company (LLC), partnership, business trust, or other similar legal
 entity. (The definition does not include natural persons, revocable trusts, or publicly traded entities and their wholly
 owned subsidiaries); and
- 4. The purchaser purchases the residential real property **without a bank loan** or a traditional institutional lender ("cash"); and
- 5. The purchaser pays any part of the purchase price using currency, cashier's checks, certified checks, traveler's checks, money orders, business or personal checks, virtual currency, or wire fund transfers or payments (no requirement to report check numbers or wire routing numbers).

Helpful Information

To assist in filing the CTR, ALTA created a FinCEN form to collect all required information, which includes but is not limited to, collecting the TIN, SSN, or EIN for all persons and entities and legible copies of photo IDs. The FinCEN ALTA Form is available along with a self-guided course that walks you through the steps for filing the CTR on the FLC Website, at: https://starslink.com/flc/university/fincen/. BSA E-Filing Help is 1-866-346-9478 or BSAEFilingHelp@fincen.gov.

If you have further questions or need assistance on FinCEN, please call Underwriting or email FloridaFinCEN@OldRepublicTitle.com. Old Republic is here to help you.

