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TO: All Licensed Lenders, Licensed Loan Brokers and Mortgage Loan Originators ("Licensees")

RE: Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System ("NMLS") and Originator Registration and Licensing

The Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation Division of Banking ("Division") is proud to announce that it will be among the first states to join the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS) beginning January 2, 2008. The NMLS, developed by state regulators through the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators (AARMR), will enhance consumer protection and streamline the licensing process for regulators and the industry.

Participation in the NMLS will be required for all Mortgage Loan Originators ("Originators") as defined in R.I.G.L. Laws §19-14-1 et. seq. R.I.G.L. Laws §19-14-1 et. seq. requires originator registration (only) by March 31, 2008 and full licensing (including entry level training and continuing education) and regulatory responsibility and supervision for mortgage loan originators by January 1, 2009. The Division will require all Originators to register through the NMLS by completing a Full Record and the required Form MU4 between January 2, 2008 and March 31, 2008 with the annual registration fee of $100. This fee will be paid electronically through the system with the completion and submission of the Full Record. Upon entering the system, each individual will be required to pay a $30 processing fee. Between November 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, each Originator must file and application for a license through the NMLS. An annual license fee of $100 will be required as well as an application fee of $50. Thereafter the annual license fee must be paid on or before December 31st. Registered Originators will not be required to complete the 8 hours of continuing education until December 31st of each year beginning with December 31, 2009. The Division is in the process of developing the protocols for Originator licensing in preparation for the January 1, 2009 deadline.

The NMLS will allow each Originator, or the company they’re affiliated with, to manage their registration and or license with this Office, as well as other participating state mortgage agencies, with a single record conveniently maintained in an electronic form and accessed through a secure website. A Originator’s record will consist of all the information contain on Form MU4 –
Uniform Individual Mortgage License/Registration & Consent form that can be found on the
Division’s website at: http://www.dbr.ri.gov

The record can be created and completed by the individual Originator or by the company that
employs the Originator. In the latter case, the Originator must attest to the record through the
NMLS. It is important that Originators consult with their company prior to creating or
completing a record in the NMLS.

**IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED AN INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT REQUEST FORM
ALREADY FOR ANOTHER STATE YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE IT AGAIN
FOR RHODE ISLAND.**

Once your Full Record is completed it must be submitted electronically to Division through the
NMLS. The NMLS will charge a processing fee upon submission of your Full Record. Licensees
must pay the processing fee directly to the NMLS in addition to the Licensees’ annual
license/registration fees.

Additional information about the NMLS can be found on the CSBS website at

In the coming months, the Division will provide additional information for Licensees in using the
NMLS. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Division at (401) 222-2405.

Very truly yours,

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