

Press Release

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FHA Approves Electronic Signatures for Real Estate Contracts

- Real Estate Agents and other Stakeholders can now move forward Confidently
- Settleware's Easy-to-use e-Signature electronic and paperless solution works perfectly with FHA Insured Loans
- Created By Realtors® For Realtors Consumers, Lenders, Real Estate Agents thrilled with Settleware process and the Real-Time results

Orange County, CA -April 8, 2010, The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) today announced that third parties can now use electronic signatures and deploy Settleware® e-Signing services for third party documents, including real estate contracts. ([mortgagee letter](#))

“A major piece of the puzzle has been solved with today’s FHA announcement now officially accepting e-Signatures on Real Estate and Mortgage related transactions. “I’m pleased to have served on the MERS e-Registry User Advisory Group where we began our first e-Signature guideline discussions with FHA back in early 2009. We applaud FHA’s diligent efforts to move forward with e-Signatures and now Real Estate Agents, Escrow Officers, Mortgage Brokers, Lenders and other Industry participants will no longer have to chase down ‘wet’ signatures to close their deals” stated C. Richard Triola, Settleware’s President and CEO. “As Realtors® we understood that we needed to begin with the ‘end in mind’ and have been working on Industry acceptance since 1999 - this decision now rounds out our complete Real Estate offering and will dramatically spike adoption” continued Triola.

Started by a 30 year Real Estate and Escrow professional, Settleware has pioneered and led the charge for a complete end-to-end pure electronic and paperless real estate/escrow transaction and Industry wide 'buy-in'. Settleware is the first and only e-Sign solution provider that has been certified by County Recorders (e-Recording), Secretaries of State (e-Notary), Fannie Mae and MERS e-Registry (e-Notes and e-Vault).

“With our years of domain experience and strong Intellectual Property we are the clear long term partner for any Real Estate Agent, Escrow Officer, Lender, Title or Notary seeking a real competitive advantage and a chance to make a real difference-now is the time to move forward” says Triola

About Settleware®

With offices in Orange County, Calif. and Raleigh, NC, Settleware Secure Services, Inc. has been working to facilitate electronic real estate transactions since 1999 and is the leading provider of e-Signatures, e-Notarization and e-Recording workflow to the Mortgage/Real Estate/Mortgage Industry. Settleware offers the first and only e-signing solution for the fully-electronic real estate and mortgage transaction, from the offer contract to the County Recorder and to the Secondary Investor. Clients include agents from ReMax, Exit Int'l, Coldwell Banker, Prudential and Keller Williams and many independents. The company's innovative workflow meets guidelines set by the E-Sign Act and UETA and supports both MISMO SMART Doc® and e-Signed PDF standards. The company offers a secure signing solution that provides document tamper sealing, roles and permissions access and secure digital encryption algorithms that can authenticate the source of a digital signature as "valid" while providing one of the Industry's first certified e-Vaults. The company's low-cost and Patented Web-based solution seamlessly connects all participants in the real estate/mortgage transaction, is vendor neutral and is offered as an affordable Software as a Service (SaaS) subscription basis For more information about Settleware contact us 949.313.7703, sales@settleware.com or visit the company's website at www.settleware.com.

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