ACRONYMS USED IN THIS HANDBOOK

ACE Active Corps of Executives

ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution

AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children

ARM Adjusted Rate Mortgage

BOCA Building Officials and Code Administrators

CABO Council of American Building Officials

CAIVRS Credit Alert Interactive Voice Response System

CBRA Coastal Barrier Resources Act

CBRS Coastal Barrier Resources System

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

COLA Cost of Living Adjustment

CRA Community Reinvestment Act

CSC Centralized Servicing Center

DLOS Dedicated Loan Origination and Servicing System

DSS Decent, Safe, and Sanitary

EA Environmental Assessment

ECOA Equal Credit Opportunity Act

EIR Equivalent Interest Rate

EIS Environmental Impact Statement

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FHA Federal Housing Administration

FMHCSS Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards

GRH Guaranteed Rural Housing

HHS Health and Human Services

HUD Department of Housing and Urban Development

ICBO International Congress of Building Officials

INA Immigration and Nationality Act

INS The US Immigration and Naturalization Service

IRA Individual Retirement Account

IRS Internal Revenue Service

LTV Loan-to-Value Ratio

MCC Mortgage Credit Certificates

MLS Multiple Listing Service

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

NAD National Appeals Division

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NFIP National Flood Insurance Program

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

OGC Office of General Counsel

OIG Office of Inspector General

PI Principal and Interest

PITI Principal, Interest, Taxes, and Insurance

PUD Planned Unit Development

RD Rural Development

REO Real Estate Owned

RESPA Real Estate and Settlement Procedures Act

RH Rural Housing

RHS Rural Housing Service

RMCR Residential Mortgage Credit Report

SBCCI Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc.

SCORE Service Corps of Retired Executives

SF Standard Form

SFH Single Family Housing

SFHA Special Flood Hazard Area

SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer

SPM Servicing and Property Management

TD Total Debt

TDD Telecommunication Device for the Deaf

TSQ Transaction Screen Questionnaire

U.S.C. United States Code

USDA The United States Department of Agriculture

USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

VA Department of Veterans Affairs

VISTA Volunteers in Service to America

WWD Water and Waste Disposal