

Money Laundering (AML) Act of 1992 required the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group (BSAAG) consisting of representatives from federal agencies, and other interested persons and financial institutions subject to the regulatory requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act, found at 31 CFR chapter X. The BSAAG is the means by which the Treasury receives advice on the reporting requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act, and informs private sector representatives on how the information they provide is used. As chair of the BSAAG, the Director of FinCEN is responsible for ensuring that relevant issues are placed before the BSAAG for review, analysis, and discussion.

BSAAG membership is open to financial institutions, trade groups, and Federal and non-Federal regulators and law enforcement agencies that are located within the United States. In September of 2022, FinCEN published a final rule<sup>1</sup> establishing a beneficial ownership information reporting requirement, pursuant to the Corporate Transparency Act. The rule will require most corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities created or registered to do business in the United States to report information about their beneficial owners, the persons who ultimately own or control the company, to FinCEN. We invite firms, trade groups, and Federal and State governmental entities within the United States that are affected by and connected to compliance with the new rule to express interest in BSAAG membership, with a clear explanation on how their perspectives can enhance the broader BSAAG discussions. We also continue to welcome nominations from other eligible entities that can actively share their perspectives on a variety of Bank Secrecy Act requirements.

Each member selected will serve a three-year term and must designate one individual to represent that member at plenary meetings. While BSAAG membership is granted to organizations, not to individuals, the designated representative for each selected organization should be knowledgeable about Bank Secrecy Act requirements and be willing and able to devote the necessary time and effort on behalf of the representative's organization. Members are expected to actively share anecdotal perspectives, quantifiable insights on BSA requirements, and

industry trends in BSAAG discussions. The organization's representative must be able to attend biannual plenary meetings, generally held in Washington, DC, over one or two days, generally in May and October. Additional BSAAG meetings may be held by phone, videoconference, or in person, and the organization's representative is expected to actively engage in the BSAAG's work through participation in meetings of various BSAAG Subcommittees and/or working groups, including Subcommittees established pursuant to the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 (AML Act).<sup>2</sup> Members will not be paid for their time, services, or travel.

Nominations for individuals who are not representing an organization will not be considered, but organizations may nominate themselves. Please provide complete answers to the following items, as nominations will be evaluated based on the information provided in response to this notice and request for nominations. There is no required format; interested organizations may submit their nominations via email or email attachment. Nominations should consist of:

- Name of the organization requesting membership
- Point of contact, title, address, email address, and phone number
- Description of the financial institution or trade group and its involvement with the Bank Secrecy Act and/or Corporate Transparency Act.
- Reasons why the organization's participation on the BSAAG will bring value to the group
- Trade groups must submit a full list of their members along with their nomination. Trade groups must also confirm that, if selected, they will only share BSAAG information with their members that are located within the United States.

In making the selections, FinCEN will seek to complement current BSAAG members and obtain comprehensive representation in terms of affiliation, industry, and geographic representation. The Director of FinCEN retains full discretion on all membership decisions. The Director may consider prior years' applications when making selections and will not limit consideration to

institutions nominated by the public when making selections.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** See Supplementary Information section for effective date(s).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

OFAC: Bradley T. Smith, Director, tel.: 202-622-2490; Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855; or the Assistant Director for Compliance, tel.: 202-622-2490.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

#### Notice of OFAC Actions

On December 6, 2023, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

#### Individuals

1. ALEMAN MEZA, Oscar, Mexico; DOB 17 Apr 1962; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. AEMO620417HSLLS07 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or

<sup>1</sup> "FinCEN Issues Final Rule for Beneficial Ownership Reporting to Support Law Enforcement Efforts, Counter Illicit Finance, and Increase Transparency". 87 FR 59498, September 30, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> The AML Act was enacted as Division F, sections 6001-6511, of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law 116-283 (2021). The AML Act, among other provisions, mandated the creation of a BSAAG Subcommittee on Innovation and Technology (Section 6207) and a BSAAG Subcommittee on Information Security and Confidentiality (Section 6302).

attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

2. BASTIDAS ERENAS, Juan Pablo (a.k.a. "PAYO"), Mexico; DOB 11 Mar 1980; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. BAEJ800311HSLSRN16 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

3. BELTRAN ARAUJO, Amberto, Mexico; DOB 12 Dec 1988; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. BEAA881212HSLLRM08 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

4. BELTRAN ARAUJO, Mario German (a.k.a. "EL NINON"), Mexico; DOB 14 May 1992; POB Sonora, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. BEAM920514HSRLRR03 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

5. CARO MONGE, Jesus Jose Gil (a.k.a. "KIKIL"), Mexico; DOB 20 Jun 1991; POB Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. CAMJ910620HJCRNS02 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

6. CARO QUINTERO, Jose Gil, Mexico; DOB 07 Feb 1968; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. CAQG680207HSLRNL09

(Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

7. ESTEVEZ COLMENARES, Ricardo (a.k.a. SOTO RODRIGUEZ, Bogar; a.k.a. "LOCO"; a.k.a. "TIO"), Mexico; DOB 14 Sep 1974; POB Guerrero, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. EECR740914HGRSLC02 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

8. ESTRADA GUTIERREZ, Jose de Jesus (a.k.a. ESTRADA GUTIERREZ, Josue de Jesus), Mexico; DOB 17 Nov 1968; POB Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. EAGJ681117HJCSTS00 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

9. FLORES ORTIZ, Francisco Abraham (a.k.a. "PANCHITO"), Mexico; DOB 13 Aug 1977; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. FOOF770813HSLLR00 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

10. FRANCO FIGUEROA, Ulises (a.k.a. "CHARCO"), Mexico; DOB 17 Jun 1987; POB Oaxaca, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. FAFU870617HOCRGL03 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk

of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

11. GASTELUM IRIBE, Oscar Manuel (a.k.a. "EL MUSICO"; a.k.a. "SALGADO"), Monte Rosa #657, Colonia Montebello, Culiacan, Sinaloa 80227, Mexico; Rio de la Plata #3041, Colonia Lomas del Boulevard, Culiacan, Sinaloa 80110, Mexico; Antonio Palafox #1856 Int 42, Colonia Paseos del Sol, Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 05 Oct 1974; POB Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; RFC GAI0741005TQ3 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

12. INZUNZA NORIEGA, Pedro, Mexico; DOB 24 Nov 1962; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. IUNP621124HSLNRD01 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

13. LEON RODRIGUEZ, Juvenal (a.k.a. "GALLO"), Mexico; DOB 01 Sep 1976; POB Guanajuato, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. LERJ760901HGTNDV06 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

14. LOPEZ LOPEZ, Servando (a.k.a. "EL HUEVO"), Mexico; DOB 17 Sep 1974; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. LOLS740917HSLPPR01 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

15. PULIDO DIAZ, Oscar, Mexico; DOB 14 Apr 1976; POB Guerrero, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. PUDO760414HGRLZS04 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a significant risk of materially contributing to, the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production.

#### Entities

1. DIFACULSA, S.A. DE C.V., Villa Dorada 3996, Fracc. Los Portales, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; Organization Established Date 25 Feb 2006; Organization Type: Retail sale of pharmaceutical and medical goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialized stores; Folio Mercantil No. 75487 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(iii) of E.O. 14059 for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, a person sanctioned pursuant to E.O. 14059.

2. EDITORIAL MERCADO ECUESTRE, S.A. DE C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 11 Jan 2005; Organization Type: Publishing of newspapers, journals and periodicals; Folio Mercantil No. 28481 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(iii) of E.O. 14059 for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, a person sanctioned pursuant to E.O. 14059.

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U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; State Small Business Credit Initiative

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and

other federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collections listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 13, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, by the following method:

- *Federal E-rulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Refer to Docket Number TREAS-DO-2022-0009 and the specific Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1505-0227.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Stout, State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), at (866) 220-9050 or [ssbci\\_information@treasury.gov](mailto:ssbci_information@treasury.gov). Further information may be obtained from the SSBCI website, <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/small-business-programs/state-small-business-credit-initiative-ssbci>, or by contacting [ssbci\\_information@treasury.gov](mailto:ssbci_information@treasury.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* State Small Business Credit Initiative Information Collection Activities.

*OMB Control Number:* 1505-0227.

*Type of Review:* Revision of currently approved information collection activities.

*Description:* This information collection captures information related to the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) reauthorized and amended the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (SSBCI statute) to fund SSBCI as a response to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>1</sup> SSBCI is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) that was created to strengthen the programs of states, the District of Columbia, territories, and Tribal Governments (collectively, jurisdictions) that support private financing for small businesses. SSBCI includes the Capital Program, through which Treasury provides funding to jurisdictions to expand access to capital for small businesses, and the Technical Assistance (TA) Program, through which jurisdictions provide legal, accounting, and financial advisory services (TA services) to very small and underserved businesses (eligible beneficiaries) that are applying for SSBCI Capital Program funding and

other governmental programs that support small businesses. The TA Program includes the allocation formula-based TA Grant Program. In addition, as part of the TA Program, Treasury has published the SSBCI Investing in America Small Business Opportunity Program (SBOP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which is a competitive grant program.<sup>2</sup>

- *SSBCI Investing in America SBOP Application.* Any jurisdiction that has been approved as a participating jurisdiction in the SSBCI Capital Program can apply for the program. Jurisdictions that are not yet approved as participating jurisdictions in the SSBCI Capital Program, but that have submitted complete and timely SSBCI Capital Program applications (or are part of a joint Tribal government application), are also eligible to apply; however, to receive an SSBCI Investing in America SBOP award, a jurisdiction must be approved as a participating jurisdiction in the SSBCI Capital Program. Only certain applicants will be selected for funding under this competitive program in accordance with the SSBCI Investing in America SBOP NOFO.

To determine whether an application should be selected for funding, Treasury must collect certain types of information in an application. This information is detailed in the publicly-posted NOFO on Treasury's website, and includes: designation letter from the jurisdiction's governing official designating the eligible applicant to take specific actions with respect to the program; information about the applicant's proposed program, including a description of the project service area and potential to connect eligible beneficiaries to business opportunities, the applicant's proposed solution and how it aligns with the needs of eligible beneficiaries and overcomes any limitations or gaps in coverage in providing TA services, a description of the applicant's key partners and project support, information about the applicant's organizational capacity and experience, and the applicant's performance goals and measures; details on the applicant's budget using the line items of Form SF-424A "Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs" and a budget narrative that details the use of funds in each line item, as applicable to the proposed programs; certain required assurances and certifications; and supporting

<sup>1</sup> ARPA, Public Law 117-2, sec. 3301, codified at 12 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.* SSBCI was originally established in Title III of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010.

<sup>2</sup> The SSBCI Investing in America SBOP NOFO is available on Treasury's website at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Competitive-TA-NOFO-FINAL-Oct-25-2023.pdf>.