

Follow these steps to prepare a 1031 Exchange whether on the Seller's (sale) or Buyer's (purchase) side. This includes adding the Exchange Company, updating signature details, the header for the Commercial Settlement Statement, setting the feature to divert proceeds, properly recording the 1099-S proceeds and adding the incoming funds entry.

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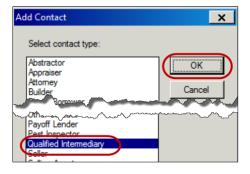
### **Prepping Your Order**

#### Adding the Qualified Intermediary

1. Navigate to the **Order Contacts** screen

If a placeholder exists for the Qualified Intermediary, skip to Step 4; otherwise continue on to next steps.

- 2. Click the **Add Contact** icon
- 3. Select Qualified Intermediary (this is the Exchange Company); click OK



4. Click the **Lookup code** link to select the appropriate Contact from the lookup table (or enter the Contact details)







5. In the **People** grid, add the representative (if known)

People

First Name Middle Name Last Name Title Email

Tim Smith 1031 Representative

The **Qualified Intermediary** signature automatically updates to include the representative's information if entered.

6. Press the **Esc** key

HINT: If you wish to add "Read and Approved By:" language for the Buyer/Seller, add it to the Qualified Intermediary signature. By adding it to the QI-Contact signature line, you maintain the Buyer's/Seller's signature if you need to draw other documents with only their signature.

The QI signature can be modified on the **Order Contacts** screen or the **Statement Signatures & Footer** screen.

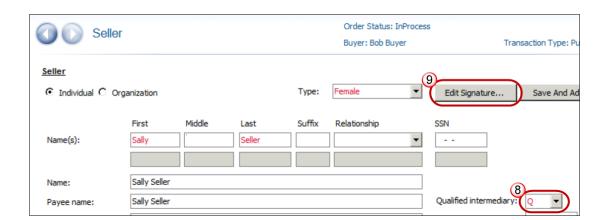




### **Updating the Contact Benefitting from the Exchange**

Update the signature and associate the Qualified Intermediary with the party benefitting from the exchange. In our example, we are updating the Seller (sale transaction), but you can follow the same steps for the Buyer (purchase transaction).

- 7. Navigate to the **Seller** Contact screen
- From the Qualified intermediary drop down, select the Q-Contact
- Click the EditSignature button







10. In the **Title** drop-down, select **Exchangor**; click **OK** 

NOTE: This updates the title of the Statement and the heading on the signature line of the Statement.



#### **Updating the Statement Header**

You can update the Closing Statement header on the **Statement Header** screen.

- 11. Navigate to the **Statement Header** screen
- 12. Overwrite the Statement title field if needed



The **Title** selection (from **Step 10**) and the **Header** field populate with the Title and the Qualified Intermediary Contact. In our example, we identified the Qualified Intermediary as representing the Seller (on the Contact screen).



### **Adding Proceeds**

Refer to the proper section to setup your Commercial Closing Statement (CSS) to divert the 1031 Exchange proceeds (sale transaction) or add the incoming 1031 Exchange proceeds entry (purchase transaction).

### Sale Transactions (Seller): Set the CSS to Divert Proceeds Automatically

As you prepare the CSS, you must send the proceeds to the Exchange Company so this amount automatically adjusts. You must also indicate that **Property Services Received** in this transaction.

- 1. Navigate to the **Seller Proceeds & 1099-S** screen
- 2. In the **Divert seller proceeds to** drop-down, select a line in the applicable section
- 3. Overwrite 1099-S Proceeds with the actual gross proceeds
- 4. Check Property Services Received check box
- 5. Check the applicable 1099 check box(es)



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1099-S Proceeds

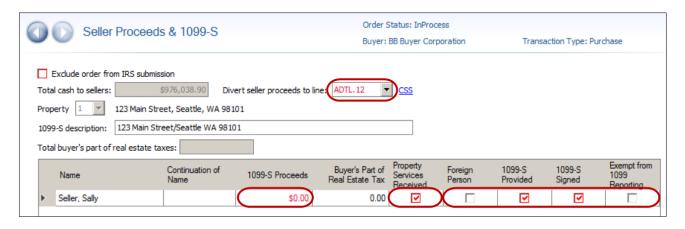
1099-S Proceeds

\$150,000.00

\$0.00



# Preparing the CSS/Closing Documents and 1099 Reporting



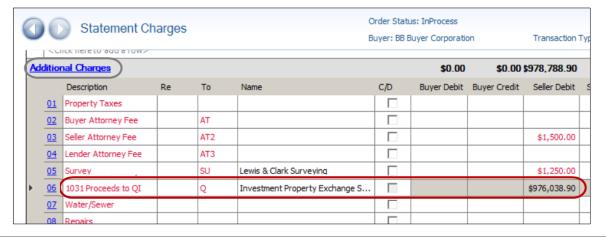
REMEMBER: How the actual gross proceeds are entered is **important** for accurately reporting 1099 data.

- > Seller receives no proceeds
  - a) 1099-S Proceeds = \$0.00
  - b) Property Services Received checked
- Seller receives some proceeds (or "boot")
  - a) 1099-S Proceeds = funds Seller received
  - b) Property Services Received checked

The transaction will appear as an exception on the 1099 Exception Report. This is acceptable and nothing further needs to be done. The correct 1099 data will be transmitted for 1099 reporting.

Questions regarding proceeds refer to the *Escrow Technical Memorandum: 1099-S Proceeds From Real Estate Transactions*.

- 6. Navigate to the **Statement Charges** screen
- 7. On the line you selected to divert proceeds to, enter a **Description** indicating proceeds to the Exchange Company
- 8. If necessary, in the **Re** field, enter any additional verbiage required by the Exchange Company
- 9. In the To code drop-down, select the **Q**-Qualified Intermediary Contact



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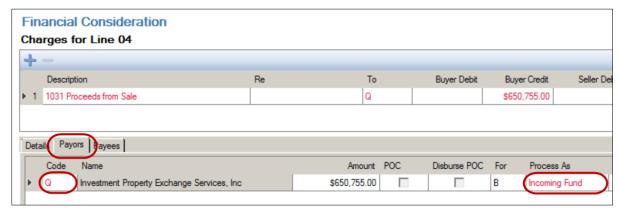
## Purchase Transactions (Buyer): Add the 1031 Exchange Proceeds Entry on the CSS

- 1. Navigate to the **Statement Charges** screen
- 2. On the next available line in the applicable section, enter the,
  - a) **Description** (i.e., 1031 Proceeds)
  - b) **Re** (as needed)
  - c) **Buyer Credit** = amount to be received from the

1031 Exchange Company

<u>Financial Consideration</u> \$980,000.00 :1,550,755.00								
		Description	Re	То	Name	C/D	Buyer Debit	Buyer Credit
0	01	Purchase Price				~	\$980,000.00	
0	02	Principal Amount of New						\$900,000.00
0	<u>)3</u>	Personal Property						
• (0	14	1031 Proceeds from Sale		Q	Investment Pro			\$650,755.00

- 3. Click the **Line** number link
- Click the Payors tab
- 5. From the Code drop-down, select the Q-Contact
- 6. Verify ProcessAs =IncomingFund



## **Drawing Documents**

Follow the steps in the applicable section depending upon whether the Qualified Intermediary is signing only the Settlement Statement or other documents in addition to the Settlement Statement.

) If the Qualified Intermediary is signing **only** the CSS (and no other documents)

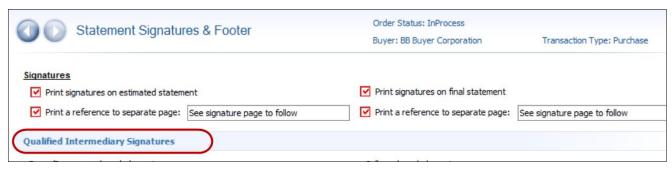
NOTE: This option does not require the modification of the signature of the party benefitting from the 1031 Exchange (i.e., Seller or Buyer).

- 1. Verify the,
  - a) Qualified Intermediary Contact has been entered
  - b) Qualified Intermediary is associated with the Contact benefitting from the 1031 Exchange
- 2. Navigate to the **Statement Signatures & Footer** screen

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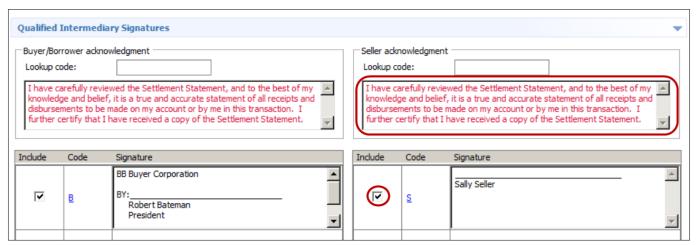
3. If not expanded, click the Qualified Intermediary Signatures more/less bar to expand



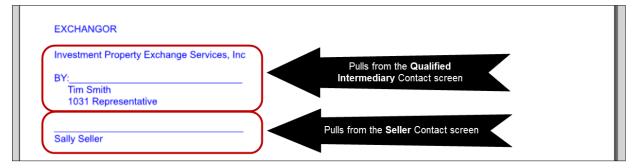
- 4. Verify the Buyer/Borrower or Seller acknowledgment; modify as needed
- 5. Determine signature lines to be shown on the CSS

If **Include** check box is,

- checked entry in Signature field is included with the Qualified Intermediary signature line on the CSS
- ) unchecked only the Qualified Intermediary signature line appears on the CSS



- 6. Click the **Documents** button
- 7. **Preview** the Settlement Statement
- 8. When prompted, select your print parameters as needed
- 9. Click the **OK** button to generate the Statement



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) If the Qualified Intermediary is signing documents in addition to the CSS

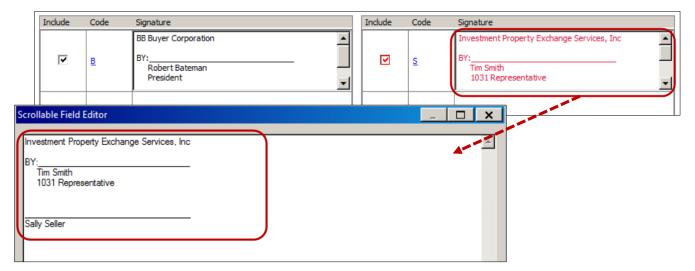
NOTE: This option requires the signature be modified of the party benefitting from the 1031 Exchange (i.e., Seller or Buyer) to include the Qualified Intermediary signature line.

FIRST: Draw all appropriate documents that require only the Buyer/Seller signature (e.g., deeds)

**SECOND:** Draw the CSS following the steps above

**THIRD:** When you are ready to draw documents that require **both** the Buyer/Seller and Exchange Company's signatures proceed with the next step.

- 1. Navigate to the **Statement Signatures & Footer** screen
- 2. In the **Signature** field of the party benefitting from the 1031 Exchange, add the **Q**-Contact signature block to the existing signature line



- 3. **Preview** your document(s)
- 4. Click the **OK** button
- 5. **Distribute** as needed

NOTE: Please review the training module under <u>Escrow Administration-Training Modules</u> on the Intranet. You can always contact <u>Settlement@fnf.com</u> with any questions about correctly completing a 1031 Tax Deferred Exchange.

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