ATLAS VALUATION & MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS • TECHNICAL PLAYBOOK

The Lender's Blueprint to Collateral Clearance: The Life of an Order from Scheduling to Clear-to-Close

A step-by-step operational manual for Loan Processors, Jr. Underwriters, and Retail Branch Managers: mastering the 6-stage Atlas VMS appraisal lifecycle, proactive SLA velocity controls, and empirical Reconsideration of Value (ROV) workflows.

TARGET DECISION-MAKERS
Loan Processors • Junior Underwriters • Retail Branch Managers

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6 Stages
GLASS-BOX ORDER LIFECYCLE
Standardized SLA checkpoints from LOS intake to final underwriting sign-off

< 24 Hours
BORROWER CONTACT SLA
Proactive scheduling verification & complexity triage at order intake

98.4%
FIRST-PASS UW ACCEPTANCE
Multi-stage AI + human USPAP review eliminates preventable revision loops

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & CORE TAKEAWAYS

- In retail and wholesale mortgage origination, 70% of appraisal turn-time delays occur during the first 48 hours (unverified property complexity or stalled borrower scheduling) or the final 48 hours (preventable underwriting revision stips).
- Treating the appraisal as a "black box" between order placement and PDF delivery forces loan processors and branch managers to waste hours chasing status updates while rate locks tick down.
- Atlas VMS structures every valuation around a disciplined 6-Stage Collateral Clearance Lifecycle inside AIM-Port—enforcing hard SLA timers on intake triage, competence-matched assignment, borrower contact (< 24 hours), field inspection, multi-stage QC, and investor delivery.
- When valuation disputes or underwriting questions arise, AIM-Port provides a structured, AIR-compliant Reconsideration of Value (ROV) workflow and rapid revision turnaround.

1 Why Appraisal Turn-Time Is Won or Lost in the First 48 Hours

For retail branch managers, loan officers, and processors, the appraisal is often the single most stressful milestone between loan application and Clear-to-Close (CTC).

Under EVP of Appraisal Operations Nicole Bookout, Atlas VMS engineered a transparent, 6-stage operational blueprint inside AIM-Port that eliminates intake blind spots—auditing property complexity, purchase contract addenda, and access constraints at Minute Zero.

2 The 6-Stage Atlas VMS Order Lifecycle & SLA Velocity Matrix

Every order progresses through six tracked stages: Stage 1: Automated LOS Intake & Complexity Audit (0–2 hrs); Stage 2: Competence-Weighted Appraiser Assignment (2–12 hrs); Stage 3: Proactive Borrower/Agent Contact (< 24 hrs); Stage 4: Field Inspection & Verification; Stage 5: AIM-Port 45-Point AI + Human USPAP QC Scrub (4–8 hrs); and Stage 6: LOS Delivery, UCDP/EAD Submission & LoanShield™ Activation.

THE 6-STAGE ATLAS VMS COLLATERAL CLEARANCE LIFECYCLE & SLA BENCHMARKS		
LIFECYCLE STAGE & SLA	**LEGACY AMC FAILURE MODE**	**ATLAS VMS + AIM-PORT OPERATIONAL STANDARD**
1–2. Intake & Assignment (0–12h)	Blind pass-through & radial blast-bidding cause mid-stream fee quotes	Upfront complexity audit + competence-weighted panel matching
3–4. Scheduling & Inspection (<24h)	Appraiser leaves unlogged voicemail; days lost with zero visibility	Mandatory <24h contact timer with live AIM-Port timestamp logging
5. Pre-Delivery QC (4–8h)	Raw XML check misses contract addenda, comp bracketing & photo gaps	45-point AI rule engine + certified USPAP human desk review before release
6. Delivery & CTC Sync (Instant)	Manual PDF download, separate SSR upload, and unmonitored disaster risk	Auto-sync of PDF, XML & SSRs to LOS + LoanShield™ & CloseClear.ai watch

3 Eliminating the "Revision Ping-Pong" Loop Before Underwriting

Before a processor or Jr. Underwriter ever sees an Atlas VMS appraisal, the report must clear AIM-Port's pre-delivery quality gate—verifying exact contract price/concession alignment, bracketed comparable selection, mathematical adjustment consistency, and photo/sketch completeness.

4 Submitting Defensible, AIR-Compliant Reconsiderations of Value (ROVs)

In accordance with updated FHFA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and FHA guidelines, AIM-Port provides a standardized, Appraiser Independence Requirements (AIR)-compliant ROV portal.

Processors and underwriters submit up to 5 superior closed comparable sales with objective MLS metrics and factual property corrections—reviewed directly by our Chief Appraiser desk before structured routing.

5-POINT PROCESSOR & BRANCH PRE-ORDER & ROV READINESS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Attach the fully executed purchase contract and all counter-offers/addenda at initial LOS order placement.
- ✓ Provide verified point-of-contact mobile numbers and email addresses for listing/access agents, gate codes, or tenants.
- ✓ Flag specialized loan programs (Non-QM DSCR STR, FHA/HECM, Non-Warrantable Condo, 203(k)/Renovation) upfront in the order type.
- ✓ Review live AIM-Port milestone notifications rather than sending manual status emails—escalating immediately if contact exceeds 24 hours.
- ✓ When submitting an ROV, include up to 5 closed, proximate comparable sales that bracket the subject along with factual MLS verification.

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