

FinCEN Opens Online Portal For Whistleblower Tips

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Law360 (February 13, 2026, 9:27 PM EST) -- An enforcement arm of the U.S. Treasury Department on Friday launched a webpage for confidential whistleblower tips on fraud, money laundering and sanctions violations, touting financial awards for eligible tips.

A bulletin from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network notes the regulator is specifically interested in potential law violations related to suspected fraud schemes. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said in a statement that his department will offer whistleblower payments to "anyone who wants to tell us the who, what, when, where, and how this fraud and money laundering has occurred."

"At Treasury, we follow the money," Bessent said. "We did it with the mafia, we have done it with the cartels, and we're doing it with the Somali fraudsters."

The department said that FinCEN's office of the whistleblower is accepting tips on various laws it said are critical to safeguarding national security and the U.S. financial system, including U.S. sanctions programs and the Bank Secrecy Act. Whistleblowers whose information leads to an enforcement action may be eligible for awards.

Anand Sithian — a partner at Crowell & Moring LLP and a former attorney in the asset forfeiture and money laundering section of the U.S. Department of Justice's criminal division — said in a statement Friday that the tip webpage is a meaningful step that shows a renewed interest in enforcing national security and financial crimes laws, "potentially with a focus on foreign companies."

"More importantly, this is a reminder that FinCEN's whistleblower program is not limited to the financial sector, as U.S. sanctions cover a broad array of industries," Sithian said.

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