# RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SSA Match #1030

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2), a computer matching agreement (CMA) will remain in effect for a period not to exceed 18 months. Within 3 months prior to the expiration of such CMA, however, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) may, without additional review, renew the CMA for a current, ongoing matching program for a period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

- 1. such program will be conducted without any changes; and
- 2. each party to the CMA certifies to the DIB in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the CMA.

A copy of the CMA to be renewed is attached hereto.

The following match meets the conditions for renewal upon signature of the officials authorized in sections VII and VIII of this renewal:

## I. TITLE OF MATCH

Computer Matching Agreement Match #1030

#### II. PARTIES TO THE MATCH

Recipient Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Source Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

## III. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

This computer matching agreement establishes the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which SSA will verify Social Security numbers and disclose Title II of the Social Security Act benefit data to VA. VA will use this data to update its master records of VA beneficiaries and their dependents receiving income-dependent benefits and to adjust VA income-dependent benefits.

## IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCH

Effective Date: September 12, 2022

Expiration Date: March 11, 2024

## V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES

Renewal Date: March 12, 2024 New Expiration Date: March 11, 2025

## VI. NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

By this renewal, SSA and VA make the following non-substantive changes to the computer matching agreement:

1. In Article XV. "Persons to Contact", section A. "SSA Contacts" delete the following "Program Policy" contact in its entirety:

#### **Program Policy**

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Telephone: (410) 965-8624 Email: Yvette.Woodson@ssa.gov

2. In Article XV. "Persons to Contact," section A. "SSA Contacts" delete the current "Systems Operations Issues" contact and replace it with the following:

# **Systems Operations Issues**

Angil Escobar, Branch Chief Office of IT Programmatic Business Support (OITPBS) Data Exchange and Verification Branch (DEVB)

Office of Systems

6401 Security Boulevard, 3-E-2-F Robert M. Ball Building

Baltimore, MD 21235 Telephone: (410) 965-7213 Email: <u>Angil.Escobar@ssa.gov</u>

3. In Article XV. "Persons to Contact," section A. "SSA Contacts" delete the telephone number for Jennifer Rutz, the current "Systems Security Issues" contact, and replace it with the following:

Telephone: (410) 966-8253

2. In Article XV, "Persons to Contact," section B. "VA Contacts" delete the current "Program Policy" and replace with the following:

# **Program Policy**

Dameon Cox Management and Program Analyst Pension and Fiduciary Service (21PF) Veterans Benefits Administration 810 Vermont Avenue, 21PF Washington, D.C. 20420 Telephone: (202) 632-8863

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3. In Article XVIII, "Signature," add the following signature for "Chairperson, Data Integrity Board, Department of Veterans Affairs" following John Oswalt's:

John Oswalt Chair, Data Integrity Board Department of Veterans Affairs

#### VII. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION SIGNATURES

## Source Agency Certification

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

**Electronic Signature Acknowledgement:** The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. By signing this document electronically, the signatory agrees that the signature they provide has the same meaning and legal validity and effect as a handwritten signature.

## Data Integrity Board Certification

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

Matthew D. Ramsey	
Chair	
SSA Data Integrity Board	
Social Security Administration	
Date	

## VIII. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SIGNATURES

# Recipient Agency Certification

As the authorized representative of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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Dr. Nilijah E. Carter	
Executive Director	
Pension and Fiduciary Service	
Veterans Benefits Administration	
Date	

# **Data Integrity Board Certification**

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

John Oswalt	
Chair Data Integrity Board	
Department of Veterans Affairs	
Date	