

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

SSA Match #1050

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), a Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) will remain in effect for a period not to exceed 18 months. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C). 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 agreement certifies to the DIB in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the CMA.

See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D).

Only a “significant change” to an existing CMA requires a new agreement, notice, and reporting. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108, Sec. 8.b.

No significant changes have occurred to date, and thus the following matching program meets the conditions for renewal upon signature of the certifications at the end of this renewal agreement by the authorized source and recipient agency officials in section VII of this renewal:

I. TITLE OF MATCH:

CMA #1050

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCH:

Recipient Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Source Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

III. PURPOSE OF THE RENEWAL:

The purpose of this renewal is to extend the terms, conditions, and safeguards of CMA # 1050. This renewal agreement extends the CMA identified in Section I, which establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards, and procedures under which SSA will disclose tax return information from SSA’s Earnings Recording and Self-Employment

Income System to the VA, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). This disclosure will provide VA with data to update the master records of VA applicants and beneficiaries, including Veterans and survivors, and their eligible dependent(s) who are receiving income-dependent benefits. This disclosure will also provide VA with data to determine the continued eligibility of those receiving income-dependent benefits and those beneficiaries who are receiving disability compensation at the 100 percent rate because of unemployability, identified in Section II of the CMA, and allow VA to adjust or discontinue benefits accordingly.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCH:

Effective Date: March 15, 2023
Expiration Date: September 14, 2024

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: September 15, 2024
New Expiration Date: September 14, 2025

VI. CHANGES:

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

In Article XVI, “**Persons to Contact**,” delete all contacts in their entirety and replace them with the following:

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VII. SIGNATURES AND AGENCY CERTIFICATIONS:

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.

A. SOURCE AGENCY SIGNATURES:

SSA Authorizing Official

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 CMA 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.

Michelle Christ Digitally signed by Michelle Christ
Date: 2024.08.13 14:18:26 -04'00' _____ Date _____

Michelle L. Christ
Deputy Executive Director
Office of Privacy and Disclosure
Office of the General Counsel

SSA 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 CMA between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

Matthew Ramsey Digitally signed by Matthew Ramsey
Date: 2024.08.15 07:38:37 -04'00' _____ Date _____

Matthew D. Ramsey
Chair
Data Integrity Board
Social Security Administration

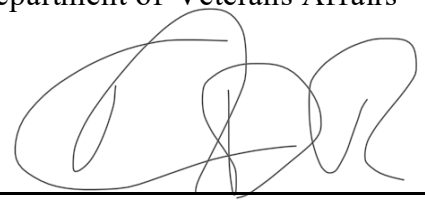
B. RECIPIENT AGENCY SIGNATURES:

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.

VA Authorizing Official:

BETH MURPHY Digitally signed by BETH MURPHY
Date: 2024.06.27 13:36:31 -0400' Date _____

Beth Murphy,
Executive Director
Compensation Service
Department of Veterans Affairs



Date 6-20-2024

Dr. Nilijah E. Carter
Executive Director
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Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Data Integrity Board Official:

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
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John Oswalt
Chair
Data Integrity Board
Department of Veterans Affairs