

**COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY/
THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
AND
THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION
TO FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES (DIFSLA)**

SSA Match #1016 – IRS Project 066

I. PURPOSE

This agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agrees under the authority of 26 U.S.C. § 6103(1)(7) to disclose to the Social Security Administration (SSA) certain return information for use in verifying eligibility for, and the correct amount of, benefits provided under Title XVI of the Social Security Act (Act) to qualified aged, blind, and disabled individuals; and federally-administered supplementary payments as described in section 1616(a) of the Act (including payments pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 212(a) of Public Law (Pub. L.) 93-66 (87 Stat. 152)). 42 U.S.C. § 1382 note.

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This matching agreement between IRS and SSA is executed pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. § 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and otherwise; and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidance interpreting those Acts.

Pub. L. 98-369, Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, requires agencies administering certain federally-assisted benefit programs to use certain information to ensure proper distribution of benefit payments (98 Stat. 494).

Section 6103(1)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (26 U.S.C. § 6103(1)(7)) authorizes IRS to disclose return information with respect to unearned income to Federal, State and local agencies administering certain federally-assisted benefit programs under the Act.

Section 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1383(e)(1)(B)) requires verification of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility and benefit amounts with independent or collateral sources. This section of the Act provides that the “Commissioner of Social Security shall, as may be necessary, request and utilize information available pursuant to section 6103(1)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for purposes of federally-administered supplementary payments of the type described in section 1616(a) of the Act (including payments pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 212(a) of Pub. L. 93-66).

The legal authority for the disclosure of SSA data under this agreement is section 1106 of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1306), section (b)(3) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(3)), and the regulations and guidance promulgated under these provisions.

III. JUSTIFICATION AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS

A. Justification

Computer matching is the most feasible method of access due to the volume of requests for return information, the volume of responses, and the method in which information documents are maintained.

B. Anticipated Results

IRS does not derive any benefit, direct or indirect, from this matching program, nor does IRS incur any unreimbursed costs associated with the Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies (DIFSLA) Program.

SSA expects to recover SSI overpayments and to correct ongoing monthly payments, for a total SSI benefit of \$49.1 million, based on fiscal year (FY) 2019 figures. The FY 2019 cost for this match was \$7.6 million. The Benefit-to-Cost ratio is 6.41 to 1. See Attachment A: SSA Cost Benefit Analysis, SSA Match #1016.

IV. RECORDS DESCRIPTION

A. System of Records

1. SSA will provide IRS with identifying information (described in D.1. of this section) with respect to applicants for and recipients of Title XVI benefits as described in section I of this agreement from the Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefit (SSR), 60-0103, last fully published at 71 Federal Register (Fed. Reg.) 1830 (January 11, 2006), as amended at 72 Fed. Reg. 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 Fed. Reg. 31250-51 (July 3, 2018), and 83 Fed. Reg. 54969 (November 1, 2018). The information in this system of records may be updated during the effective period of this agreement as required by the Privacy Act.
2. SSA will disclose certain information to IRS for aged, blind, or disabled individuals who are applicants for, or recipients (and their deemors) of, SSI benefits or federally-administered State supplementary payments, or both. IRS will match SSA's information with its Information Return Master File (IRMF) and disclose to SSA return information with respect to unearned income of applicants or recipients identified by SSA. The information IRS discloses to SSA is limited to unearned income reported on information returns.

3. IRS will extract return information with respect to unearned income from the IRMF, [Treasury/IRS 22.061], as published at 80 Fed. Reg. 54081-082 (September 8, 2015), through the DIFSLA program.

B. Routine Use Publication

SSA's routine use for disclosures to IRS for this match is published at 71 Fed. Reg. 1830 (January 11, 2006).

C. Number of Records

1. In FY 2019, SSA submitted about 19.3 million finder file records to IRS. SSA will notify IRS if there is any substantial change in the estimate.
2. IRS will provide a response record for each individual identified by SSA. The total number of records will be equal to or greater than the number of records submitted by SSA. In some instances, an individual may have more than one record on file.

D. Specified Data Elements

1. SSA will furnish IRS with the Social Security Number (SSN) and name control (first four characters of the surname) for each individual for whom unearned income information is being requested in accordance with the current IRS Publication 3373, *Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies (DIFSLA) Handbook*.
2. When there is a match of an individual identifier, IRS will disclose to SSA the following:
 - a. Payee Account Number,
 - b. Payee Name and Mailing Address,
 - c. Payee Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN),
 - d. Payer Name and Address,
 - e. Payer TIN, and
 - f. Income Type and Amount.

E. Starting and Completion Dates

The disclosure program will be conducted monthly beginning January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, in accordance with schedules published in the current revision of IRS Publication 3373, *Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies (DIFSLA) Handbook*.

V. NOTICE PROCEDURES

- A. SSA will publish notice of the matching program in the Federal Register as required by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(12)).

- B. SSA will provide direct notice, in writing, 1) to all applicants at the time of application, and 2) to all current recipients periodically, that their records will be matched against those of other agencies to verify their eligibility or payment amount.

VI. VERIFICATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST

A. Verification of Match Information

SSA will take appropriate steps to independently verify all unearned income information received from IRS to determine the validity or applicability of the information obtained through this matching program prior to the termination, denial, suspension, or reduction of any benefits. SSA will verify information as set forth in subsection B of this section. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(p).

B. Notice and Opportunity to Contest

1. Where adverse information is present SSA will notify the applicant or recipient¹, and provide an opportunity to explain the circumstances prior to making a final eligibility determination or adjustment to current benefits.
2. Under applicable SSI regulations (20 C.F.R. § 416.1336), 10 days prior to taking any adverse action, SSA will notify the applicant or recipient, in writing, of the proposed adverse action. The notice will contain the following information:
 - (a) that SSA has received information which indicates that the proposed adverse action is necessary; and
 - (b) that the individual has 10 days to contest the proposed adverse action or SSA will conclude that the information upon which that decision is based is correct and will make necessary payment adjustments.

VII. DISPOSITION OF MATCHED ITEMS

A. SSA will:

1. Not create a separate file or system of records consisting of information concerning only those individuals who are involved in this specific matching program except as is necessary in controlling or verifying, or both the information for purposes of this program; and
2. Destroy the matching file generated through this matching operation as soon as the information has served the matching program's purpose and all legal retention requirements established in conjunction with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under applicable procedures have been met.

¹ References to an eligible applicant or recipient include the individual's representative payee, where applicable.

B. IRS will:

1. Retain SSA's Input/Tickler file submission with identifying information for approximately 90 days. The information provided by SSA will not be used by the IRS for any purpose other than this matching program. The IRS Office of Records & Information Management has deemed this information to be of a transitory nature, or 'transitory records', specifically 'intermediate input files' as defined in General Records Schedule 5.2, Item 010. The IRS will protect transitory records in the same manner that it protects IRS records. IRS will destroy the Input/Tickler file when it is no longer needed for business use.

VIII. SAFEGUARD REQUIREMENTS AND DISCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

A. IRS and SSA will

1. Comply with OMB loss reporting guidelines per OMB M-17-12 (January 3, 2017). In the event of an incident involving the loss or potential loss of PII, the agency experiencing the event is responsible for following its established procedures, including notification to the proper organizations (i.e., US-CERT), conducting a breach and risk analysis, and making a determination of the need for notice or remediation, or both to individuals affected by the loss. If the agency analysis indicates that an individual notice is appropriate, the agency that had the incident will be the one to provide such notice.
2. Comply with section 3544(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2002 (FISMA), as amended by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, which requires agencies and their contractors to ensure their computer systems are FISMA compliant. In this regard, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standards and guidance must be implemented and adhered to by IRS and SSA's contractor(s).

B. SSA will:

1. Comply with the requirements of IRC § 6103(p)(4). These requirements are defined in IRS Publication 1075, *Tax Information Security Guidelines for Federal, State and Local Agencies*, and are the standards utilized by IRS Safeguards, Office of Governmental Liaison, Disclosure and Safeguards, hereafter referred to as "IRS Safeguards", when conducting on-site reviews. The agency will have the opportunity to present alternative solutions and compensating controls where they are unable to meet specified requirements as part of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) response process.
2. Submit an updated Safeguard Security Report (SSR) to IRS Safeguards by January 31st annually. The Head of Agency must certify the SSR fully describes the procedures established for ensuring the confidentiality of return information, addresses all Outstanding Actions identified by the IRS Safeguards from SSA's prior

- year's SSR submission; accurately and completely reflects the current physical and logical environment for the receipt, storage, processing and transmission of return information. Include a listing of any agreements executed by SSA with another federal agency which provides for disclosure of return information provided by IRS under this Agreement.
3. Allow IRS to conduct periodic safeguard reviews involving physical inspections of facilities where return information that SSA receives from IRS under a matching program is maintained as well as automated and manual testing of computer systems where return information that SSA receives from IRS under a matching program is maintained to ensure IRS safeguarding requirements are met and will permit the IRS access to such facilities and computer systems as needed to review SSA compliance with the IRC § 6103(p)(4) requirements.
 4. Employees and officers of SSA that will have access to return information receive awareness training regarding the confidentiality restrictions applicable to the return information and certify acknowledgement in writing that they are informed of the criminal penalties and civil liability provided by IRC §§ 7213, 7213A, 7431 and 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2), as may be applicable, for any willful disclosure or inspection of federal tax returns and return information that is not authorized by the IRC, in accordance with Publication 1075.
 5. Incidents of suspected unauthorized inspections or disclosures of return information must be reported to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) and IRS Safeguards within 24 hours of discovery.
 6. When a data incident results in the SSA taking adverse or disciplinary action against an employee based on an unauthorized inspection or disclosure of return information in violation of SSA's procedures, SSA must notify each impacted taxpayer in writing. The notification letter must include the date of the unauthorized inspection or disclosure, and notify the taxpayer of his or her rights to file a civil action under IRC § 7431. SSA must report to IRS Safeguards when taxpayer notification letters are issued, in accordance with Publication 1075.
 7. Conduct periodic internal inspections of SSA facilities where return information is maintained to ensure IRS safeguarding requirements to ensure compliance with SSA security policies and procedures, which protect the confidentiality of return information.
 8. If SSA receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for safeguard reports required to be filed with IRS by Publication 1075, SSA will consult with IRS to obtain its views on disclosure before responding to the request in accordance with the Department of Justice (DOJ) guidance. IRS will promptly provide its views on the disclosability of the contents of the records to SSA. If SSA receives a FOIA request for a document that wholly originated from IRS or any communication from IRS that describes the security procedures that protect the return information provided under

this agreement, SSA will refer the request to IRS for processing.

9. Officers and employees of SSA who are entitled to access return information provided under this agreement must not access this information except to the extent necessary to achieve the purpose of the match. They must not disclose this information to any other officer or employee of SSA whose official duties do not require this information to determine eligibility for, or the correct amount of benefits under the SSI program identified in section I.
10. IRC section 6103(l)(7) does not authorize SSA to disclose return information in a forum open to the public, such as a judicial proceeding, nor to Native American tribal governments.
11. Approximately 120 days prior to a scheduled on-site safeguard review of SSA, IRS will send a notification and request for additional information required in preparation of the review. Ninety (90) days prior to the review, IRS Safeguards will host a preliminary security evaluation call to discuss systems and environment to determine potential scope of the on-site review. IRS Safeguards will deliver the proposed review scope approximately 60 days prior to start of the on-site review.

IX. RECORDS USAGE AND DUPLICATION

A. IRS

1. Records provided by SSA will not be used to extract information concerning individuals therein for any purpose not specified in this agreement.
2. Records provided by SSA will not be duplicated or disseminated within or outside the IRS, except as required by Federal law, without the written permission of SSA.
3. IRS will retain SSA's input file(s) with identifying information for approximately 90 days or when no longer needed for business use. After that time, the file(s) will be electronically erased. This file is the only identifiable record IRS uses in the course of the matching program. The SSA's request files are not incorporated into IRS record-keeping and are not used by IRS for any purpose other than this matching program.

B. SSA

SSA agrees to the following limitations on access to, and use of, return information provided by IRS:

1. Officers and employees of SSA may use the return information provided by IRS only for the purposes of, and to the extent necessary in, establishing eligibility for, or the correct amount of, benefits under the SSI program identified in section I.B. of this agreement. SSA may not use the information in any manner or for any purpose not

authorized under IRC § 6103(l)(7). Any secondary use is specifically prohibited and may subject offending officers and employees to the imposition of civil or criminal penalties, or both.

2. SSA will not disclose to any person in any manner, return information received pursuant to this agreement except as necessary to determine eligibility for, or the correct amount of benefits under the SSI program identified in section I.B.
3. SSA will restrict access to return information solely to its officers and employees whose duties require access for the purposes for which the return information is disclosed to SSA.
4. Officers and employees of SSA who inspect or disclose return information obtained pursuant to this agreement in a manner or for a purpose not authorized by IRC § 6103(l)(7) are subject to the criminal penalty provisions of IRC §§ 7213 and 7213A, and of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2). In addition, SSA could be required to assist DOJ in defending a civil damages action under IRC § 7431.

X. ACCURACY ASSESSMENTS

- A. IRS will initially validate all SSNs and name controls provided by SSA against the National Account Profile (NAP)-DM1 file prior to matching the records against the IRMF. The correctness of the return information provided to SSA is generally contingent upon the correctness of the information provided by the payer of the income.
- B. SSR Databases: SSA does not have an accuracy assessment specific to the data elements listed in this agreement. However, SSA conducts assessments of the data in its Systems of Records as part of its ongoing financial integrity and internal control reviews in accordance with the guidelines established in OMB Management Procedures Memorandum No 2016-03 – Additional Guidance for DATA Act Implementation: Implementing Data-Centric Approach for Reporting Federal Spending Information; OMB M-17-04 – Additional Guidance for DATA Act Implementation: Further Requirements for Reporting and Assuring Data Reliability; and OMB M-18-16 – Appendix A to OMB Circular No. A-123, Management of Reporting and Data Integrity Risk. Based on these reviews, which are certified by the agency’s Senior Accountable Official (agency Chief Financial Officer) and by the unqualified audit opinion rendered by the agency’s financial statement auditor, the agency has a reasonable assurance as to the accuracy and reliability of these data.

XI. ACCESS BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

The Government Accountability Office (Comptroller General) may have access to IRS and SSA records, to the extent authorized by 26 U.S.C. § 6103 and 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(1)(K), for purposes of monitoring and verifying compliance with this Agreement.

XII. REIMBURSEMENT

All work done by IRS for SSA under this agreement will be performed on a cost reimbursable basis. IRS will recover all reasonable direct and indirect costs, including overhead, associated with performing services for SSA under this agreement. Pursuant to IRC § 6103(p)(2)(B), IRS may prescribe a reasonable fee for furnishing return information.

The IRS will prepare cost estimates on an annual basis. The cost estimates for these activities will be detailed on an executed Form SSA-429. The terms and conditions of reimbursement will remain in effect for the fiscal year unless those terms are modified by an amended Form SSA-429. The IRS administers the computer matching program for the benefit of the agencies that participate in it. Accordingly, the IRS expects to recover 100 percent of the costs it incurs to administer this program. In the unlikely event actions by one or more agencies significantly alter the total cost incurred by the IRS or the calculation of the agencies' pro rata share of program costs, the IRS may need to adjust the computation of annual costs. If this occurs, IRS will notify SSA.

Costs associated with this program are primarily related to the actions by IRS required to make the data sharing program available to SSA for the performance of the computer matching. These costs include personnel in place to administer the program, setup and testing of the matching system by Information Technology personnel, and the Safeguards program and personnel necessary to ensure protection of the associated Federal tax information.

Billing will be prepared by the IRS at least quarterly, and may be monthly during the last quarter of the fiscal year. Actual costs may be higher or lower than the estimate. Both agencies must sign Forms 7600A and 7600B Interagency Agreement Forms, and Form SSA-429, Interagency Agreement Data Sheet, prior to the initiation of any services under this agreement. IRS's authority to incur obligations through the performance of services under this agreement and SSA's authority to reimburse IRS under this agreement shall not exceed the amounts specified in Forms 7600A and 7600B and Form SSA-429. Both agencies must sign amended Forms 7600A and 7600B and Form SSA-429 if it becomes apparent that original cost estimates will be exceeded.

SSA will transfer funds to IRS, in the form of progress or periodic payments, on at least a quarterly basis, to support IRS's activities under this agreement. Transfers of funds will be by means of the Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) system. The SSA Interagency Agreement number must be cited on all IPAC submissions. Additionally, at least quarterly, but no later than 30 days after an accountable event, IRS must provide SSA with a performance report (e.g. billing statement) that details all work performed to date. Additionally, at least quarterly, the parties will reconcile balances related to revenue and expenses for work performed under the agreement.

SSA may incur costs under this agreement on a Federal fiscal year basis only. Since this agreement spans multiple fiscal years, SSA will prepare a new Form SSA-429 at the beginning of each succeeding fiscal year that this agreement remains in effect. SSA's ability

to incur costs for fiscal years beyond FY 2022 is subject to the availability of funds. If funds are not available for reimbursement, IRS is not required to perform this match.

XIII. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Matching Agreement

The effective date of this agreement is January 1, 2021, provided that SSA reported the proposal to re-establish this matching program to the Congressional committees of jurisdiction and OMB in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(A) and OMB Circular A-108 (December 23, 2016), and SSA published notice of the matching program in the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(12).

Ninety days prior to the expiration of this agreement, the parties to this agreement may request a 12-month extension in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D). If either agency does not want to extend this agreement, the agency should notify the partnering agency in writing at least 90 days prior to the expiration of this agreement.

B. Modification and Termination of the Agreement

The parties may modify this agreement at any time by a written modification, which satisfies both parties and is approved by the Data Integrity Board (DIB) of each agency. Any modification will be effective only after approval by the DIBs of both agencies.

The parties may terminate this agreement at any time with the consent of both parties. Either party may unilaterally terminate this agreement upon written notice to the other party, in which case the termination will be effective 90 days after the date of the notice, or at a later date specified in the notice, provided the termination date does not exceed the original or the extended completion date of the match.

Either SSA or IRS may immediately and unilaterally suspend the data flow of this agreement or terminate this agreement if there has been:

1. an unauthorized use of information obtained under this agreement by a party;
2. a violation of, or failure to follow, the terms of this agreement by a party;
3. SSA's non-payment to IRS in accordance with the parties' reimbursable agreement.

Any party may make an immediate, unilateral suspension of this agreement if they suspect that a party has breached the terms for security of data until such time as the party suspecting the breach and the party suspected of making the breach reach a definite determination regarding a breach. Reimbursement for services provided will be paid regardless of any such suspension.

IRS will monitor and enforce compliance with Federal safeguards requirements applicable to return information. If IRS determines that SSA fails to meet the safeguarding requirements, IRS will take steps to ensure that SSA corrects the areas of

noncompliance. Such steps may include, as appropriate, suspension or termination of further disclosures to SSA of return information. Federal tax regulations (26 C.F.R. § 301.6103(p)(7)-1) provide for an administrative review of any determination of noncompliance with IRC § 6103(p)(4).

XIV. PERSONS TO CONTACT

Any change of the information pertaining to any contact must be promptly provided, in writing, to the contacts of the other agency.

A. The IRS contacts are:

1. Project Coordinator

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B. The SSA contacts are:

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XV. AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS

Any change of the information pertaining to any authorized official must be promptly provided, in writing, to the contacts of the other agency.

- A. The official with authority to request information under this agreement on behalf of SSA is:

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- B. The official with authority to disclose, or authorize the disclosure of, return information under this agreement on behalf of IRS is:

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XVI. LIMITATIONS

The terms of this agreement are not intended to alter, amend, or rescind any current agreement or provision of Federal law now in effect. Any provision of this agreement that conflicts with Federal law is invalid.

XVII. LIABILITY

- A. Each party to this agreement shall be liable for acts and omissions of its own employees.
- B. Neither party shall be liable for any injury to the other party's personnel or damage to the other party's property unless such injury or damage is compensable under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. § 1346(b)), or pursuant to other Federal statutory authority.
- C. Neither party shall be responsible for any financial loss incurred by the other party, whether directly or indirectly, through the use of any data furnished pursuant to this agreement.

XVIII. CONTINGENCY CLAUSE

This agreement is contingent on SSA meeting the Federal Safeguard requirements specified in section VII of this agreement. Matches with SSA under this agreement will be suspended or discontinued immediately if, at any time, IRS determines that SSA has failed to meet the Federal Safeguard requirements or any Privacy Act requirements. See the regulations at 26 C.F.R. § 301.6103(p)(7)-1 regarding procedures for administrative review of such a determination.

XIX. REPORT TO CONGRESS

When both the SSA DIB and the Treasury DIB have approved this agreement, SSA will submit a report of the matching program to Congress and OMB for review, and will provide a copy of such notification to IRS.

XX. SIGNATURES OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS

The signatories below warrant and represent that they have the competent authority on behalf of their respective agencies to enter into the obligations set forth in this agreement.

Electronic Signature Acknowledgement: The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

Social Security Administration

Mary Ann Zimmerman

Date: June 4, 2020

Mary Ann Zimmerman
Deputy Executive Director
Office of Privacy and Disclosure
Office of the General Counsel

The Social Security Administration DIB has reviewed this matching agreement and finds it in compliance with relevant statutes, regulations and guidelines. We, therefore, approve the conduct of the aforementioned matching program.

Matthew Ramsey

Digitally signed by Matthew Ramsey
Date: 2020.07.13 13:02:56 -04'00'

Date: _____

Matthew D. Ramsey
Chair, Data Integrity Board
Social Security Administration

Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service

Electronic Signature Acknowledgement: The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

Phyllis T. Grimes Digitally signed by Phyllis T. Grimes
Date: 2020.06.10 09:03:16 -04'00'

Date: June 10, 2020

Phyllis T. Grimes, Internal Revenue Service
Director, Governmental Liaison, Disclosure and Safeguards

The Treasury Data Integrity Board has reviewed this matching agreement and finds it in compliance with relevant statutes, regulations and guidelines. We, therefore, approve the conduct of the aforementioned matching program.

RLW

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Date: 8/12/2020

Ryan Law
Chairperson, Treasury DIB
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Privacy, Transparency, and Records

XXI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement is effective the 1st day of January, 2021.

It expires on the 30th day of June, 2022.

Attachments:

- A. SSA Cost Benefit Analysis, SSA Match #1016

**Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)
for the Computer Matching Operation Between
the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Internal Revenue
Service (IRS) (Match #1016)**

Study Objective

To determine the cost-effectiveness of the SSA/IRS computer matching operation.

Background

SSA conducts the matching operation three times a year, with the IRS furnishing SSA with the amounts and types of non-wage income for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients. This information provides leads on unreported or underreported resources or income. The IRS interface with the Supplemental Security Record (SSR) represents a cooperative effort between SSA and the IRS to prevent SSI overpayments.

IRS uses data from Form 1099 and similar reports of financial transactions to match against an SSR finder file submitted by SSA. SSA then uses the returned file of IRS-matched records to identify potentially overpaid cases for field office (FO) development.

SSA uses established criteria, such as tolerances and exclusion of certain types of income, to eliminate cases less likely to be overpaid and identifies the above tolerance cases. Then, through the application of a profiling module developed by the Office of Quality Improvement (OQI), SSA further reduces the number of alerts released to the FOs for development. This maximizes the cost-effectiveness of the alert process and minimizes the burden on FO staff, as well as SSI recipients, of addressing unproductive alerts.

This cost benefit analysis focuses on the effectiveness of the matching operation using the current tolerances.

Methodology

The Office of Data Exchange and International Agreements (ODXIA) reviewed a sample of 400 IRS alerts of the 40,719 alerts completed by FOs in fiscal year (FY) 2019. The amount of change in the recurring monthly payment or the amount of overpayment attributable to the detection of unreported income and or resources provide the outcome for the ODXIA cost benefit determination. The findings from the study sample are projected to the universe of 40,719 completed alerts.

Benefits of the Match

The benefits realized in the development of the alerts from this matching operation include the detection and recovery of retroactive overpayments and the avoidance of future overpayments due to changes in the recurring monthly benefit amount.

ODXIA found overpayments in 28 percent of the sample cases. The average overpayment was approximately \$4,281.20. Projecting these results to the universe of alerts completed in FY 2019, the total number of records with overpayments was 11,401 (rounded) which makes the total overpayments detected from the match to be approximately \$48,809,961 (rounded). Using the average historical overpayment recovery rate for Title XVI recipients, we would expect 65 percent of the overpaid dollars to be recovered for a total of approximately **\$31,726,475** (rounded) in benefits.

There was a decrease in the recurring monthly payment in 29 percent of the sample cases. Projecting these findings to the 40,719 alerts for FY 2019, we determined that 11,809 (rounded) records involved a decrease in monthly payment amount. The average monthly decrease was approximately \$491.07, so the total decrease in monthly payment amount was \$5,799,046 (rounded). If the match had not occurred, we assume that this incorrect payment would have continued for three additional months. Therefore, the estimated savings due to the reduction in future monthly payments would be approximately **\$17,397,138** when projected to the universe of completed alerts.

Combining the overpayment recoveries and the future overpayment preventions, we estimate the total benefits from this matching operation in FY 2019 to be nearly **\$49,123,613**.

There were no retroactive underpayments or increases in the recurring monthly payment detected in the sample.

Costs of the Match

The matching agreement and operation

The FY 2019 interagency agreement estimated cost of services for the SSA/IRS data exchange is **\$626,400**.

For this data exchange in FY 2019, the Office of Systems estimated a cost of **\$63,700**.

FO Development

Using the average development time of 97.07 minutes per alert provided by the Office of Operations, we estimate the FO development costs for the 40,719 alerts completed in FY 2019 to be approximately **\$5,985,693**.

In addition, the FO incurs costs in incorrect payment development and recovery processing for cases identified with an overpayment. The FY 2019 cost per case of this

development, established by the Division of Cost Analysis in the Office of Financial Policy and Operations, is \$86.18. Using \$86.18 for each overpaid recipient, the total additional development and recovery costs for 11,401 cases were **\$982,538**.

The total costs for this matching operation was **\$7,658,331**.

Conclusion

The benefit to the United States Treasury of this matching operation is the correction of those cases where there is a decrease in the recurring monthly payment amount and the recovery of detected overpayments, which totals nearly **\$49,123,613**. The total costs are projected to be approximately **\$7,658,331**. Thus, the actual savings to the United States Treasury make this matching operation cost effective with a benefit to cost ratio of **6.41 to 1**. Accordingly, we recommend the continuance of this matching activity.

**COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS for the COMPUTER MATCHING
OPERATION (MATCH #1016) BETWEEN SSA and the INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)**

Number of Completed Alerts in FY 2019:	40,719
Sample of Alerts :	400

Benefits

Retroactive Overpayments

Percent of Records with Retroactive Overpayments	28%
Number of Alerts with Overpayments	11,401
Average Overpayment	\$4,281.20
Total Overpayment (Projected)	\$48,809,961
Amount Expected to Recover (65%)	<u>\$31,726,475</u>

Decrease in Monthly Payment Amount

Percent of Alerts with Decrease in Monthly Payment	29%
Number of Alerts with Decrease in Monthly Payment	11,809
Average Change in Monthly Payment Amount	\$491.07
Total Change in Ongoing Monthly Payment Projected for 3 months	<u>\$17,397,138</u>

Total Benefits **\$49,123,613**

Costs

Interagency Agreement (Estimate based on FY 2019)	\$626,400
Systems Costs (Office of Systems, Budget staff)	\$63,700
Field Office Alert Development Costs	\$5,985,693
Overpayment Development/Recovery Processing Costs	<u>\$982,538</u>

Total Costs (rounded) **\$7,658,331**

Benefit-to-Cost Ratio **6.41: 1**

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #16601 and #16602; Iowa Disaster Number IA-00092]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Iowa

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 2.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Iowa (FEMA-4557-DR), dated 08/20/2020.

Incident: Severe Storms.

Incident Period: 08/10/2020.

DATES: Issued on 10/05/2020.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/19/2020.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/20/2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of IOWA, dated 08/20/2020, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Clinton

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only): Iowa: Jackson.

Illinois: Carroll, Whiteside.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Cynthia Pitts,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #16643 and #16644; Louisiana Disaster Number LA-00104]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Louisiana

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Louisiana (FEMA-4559-DR), dated 09/05/2020.

Incident: Hurricane Laura.

Incident Period: 08/22/2020 through 08/27/2020.

DATES: Issued on 10/05/2020.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/04/2020.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/07/2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Louisiana, dated 09/05/2020, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Parishes:

Grant, Jackson, Lincoln, Ouachita, Rapides, Winn.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Cynthia Pitts,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2020-0014]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as

amended, this notice announces a new matching program with the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Under this matching program, the IRS will disclose IRS return information to SSA to administer benefits to qualified aged, blind and disabled individuals.

DATES: The deadline to submit comments on the proposed matching program is 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The matching program will be applicable on January 1, 2021, or once a minimum of 30 days after publication of this notice has elapsed, whichever is later. The matching program will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefaxing to (410) 966-0869, writing to Matthew Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, G-401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, or emailing Matthew.Ramsey@ssa.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection by contacting Mr. Ramsey at this street address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested parties may submit general questions about the matching program to Andrea Huseth, Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, G-401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, at Telephone: (410) 966-5855, or send an email to Andrea.Huseth@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Matthew Ramsey,

Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

SSA and IRS.

AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM

This matching agreement between IRS and SSA is executed pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and otherwise; and the Office of Management and Budget Final Guidance interpreting those Acts.

Public Law (Pub. L.) 98-369, Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, requires agencies administering certain federally-assisted benefit programs to use certain information to ensure proper distribution of benefit payments (98 Stat. 494).

Section 6103(l)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(7)) authorizes IRS to disclose return information with respect to unearned income to Federal, State and local agencies administering certain federally-assisted benefit programs under the Act.

Section 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B)) requires verification of Supplemental Security Income eligibility and benefit amounts with independent or collateral sources. This section of the Act provides that the "Commissioner of Social Security shall, as may be necessary, request and utilize information available pursuant to section 6103(l)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986" for purposes of federally-administered supplementary payments of the type described in section 1616(a) of the Act (including payments pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 212(a) of Pub. L. 93-66).

The legal authority for the disclosure of SSA data under this agreement is section 1106 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1306), section (b)(3) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)), and the regulations and guidance promulgated under these provisions.

PURPOSE(S)

This agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the IRS agrees under the authority of 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(7) to disclose to SSA certain return information for use in verifying eligibility for, and the correct amount of, benefits provided under Title XVI of the Act to qualified aged, blind, and disabled individuals; and federally-administered supplementary payments as described in section 1616(a) of the Act (including payments pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 212(a) of Pub. L. 93-66 (87 Stat. 152)). 42 U.S.C. 1382 note.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS

The individuals whose information is involved in this matching program are aged, blind, or disabled individuals who are applicants or recipients (and their deomors) of Title XVI benefits.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS

SSA will provide electronically to IRS the following data elements in the finder file:

- Social Security number
- Name control

IRS will disclose to SSA the following:

- Payee Account Number,
- Payee Name and Mailing Address,
- Payee Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN),

- Payer Name and Address,
- Payer TIN, and
- Income Type and Amount.

SYSTEM(S) OF RECORDS:

SSA's SOR is the Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefit (SSR), 60-0103, last fully published at 71 **Federal Register** (FR) 1830 (January 11, 2006), and amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 FR 31250-51 (July 3, 2018), and at 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018).

IRS will match SSA's information with its Information Return Master File (IRMF) and disclose to SSA return information with respect to unearned income from the IRMF [Treasury/IRS 22.061], as published at 80 FR 54081-082 (September 8, 2015), through the *Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies* program.

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TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: United States Trade and Development Agency.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve an extension for a currently approved information collection for Evaluation of USTDA Performance. USTDA published its first **Federal Register** Notice on this information request extension on August 14, 2020, at which time a 60-day comment period was announced. No comments were received in response to this notice at the end of the comment period.

DATES: Send comments on or before November 12, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for extension prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments should be addressed as follows: Desk Officer for USTDA, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Lawn, Administrative Officer, Attn: PRA, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100,

Arlington, VA 22209-3901; Tel: (703) 875-4357, Fax: (703) 775-4037; Email: llawn@ustda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are again being solicited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of them methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden on those who are to respond including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Summary Collection Under Review

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Expiration Date of Previous Approval: 12/31/2020

Title: Evaluation of USTDA Performance.

Form Number: USTDA 1000E-2014a.

Frequency of Use: annually for duration of project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not for profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,440 to 1,800 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 480 to 600 hours per year.

Federal Cost: \$335,709.

Authority for Information Collection: Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, Pub. L. 103-62, 107 Stat. 285.

Abstract: USTDA and contractors will collect information from various stakeholders on USTDA-funded activities regarding development impact and/or commercial objectives as well as evaluate success regarding GPRA objectives. This information collection enables USTDA to assess the impacts that its program investments have on U.S. commercial interests and economic development abroad. The goal of this information collection is to gather evidence and stakeholder feedback in order to continually improve program performance and deliver better results to U.S. taxpayers. As a matter of good management practice, such information is necessary to responsibly carry out the Agency's mission of monitoring current and recently completed activities.