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The Honorable Paul Ray Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs 725 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ray:

Enclosed please find the Department of Defense Annual Matching Activity Report for Calendar Year 2019. This report is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-108, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act."

Any inquiries or comments regarding this report may be addressed to Ms. Cindy L. Allard, Executive Secretary, Defense Data Integrity Board, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700; by email at cindy.l.allard.civ@mail.mil; or by phone at (703) 571-0070.

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Joo Y. Chung Chair, Defense Data Integrity Board

Enclosure: As stated

# **Department of Defense Annual Matching Activity Report**

### **Description of Contents**

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In accordance with the reporting requirements established in the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-108, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act," dated December 23, 2016, the following is provided:

- a. Current information about the composition of the Data Integrity Board, including:
  - (1) a list of the names and positions of the members of the Data Integrity Board;
  - (2) the name and contact information of the Data Integrity Board's secretary; and
  - (3) any changes in membership or structure of the Data Integrity Board that occurred during the year.

See Attachment A for the names and positions of the members of the Data Integrity Board, and the name and contact information of the Data Integrity Board's secretary. There were four changes to the Data Integrity Board in 2019: the contacts for Army, Air Force, and the Inspector General changed, and the Joint Server Provider of the Defense Information Systems Agency was removed after the member retired and the construction of the board was reviewed.

- b. A list of each matching program in which the agency participated during the year. For each matching program, the report shall include:
  - (1) A brief description of the matching program, including the names of all participating Federal and non-Federal agencies;

See Attachment B.

(2) The links to the matching notices and matching agreements posted on the agency's website at:

http://dpcld.defense.gov/privacy/matching-agreements

(3) An account of whether the agency has fully adhered to the terms of the matching agreement.

The DoD periodically reviewed the agreements to ensure full compliance and to determine whether a renewal or re-establishment was necessary.

(4) An account of whether all disclosures of agency records for use in the matching program continue to be justified.

The DoD carefully reviews each matching agreement upon establishment and renewal to help ensure only disclosures of Privacy Act-covered records that are necessary to the matching agreement occur. For all external disclosures, DoD ensures appropriate routine uses are in place and maintains an accurate method for accounting of disclosures.

(5) An indication of whether a cost-benefit analysis was performed, the results of the cost-benefit analysis, and an explanation of why the agency proceeded with any matching program for which the results of the cost-benefit analysis did not demonstrate that the program is likely to be cost effective.

A cost benefit analysis was performed for each of the eight matching programs, and all were favorable or resulted in a conclusion that the match was justified. See Attachment B.

c. For each matching program for which the Data Integrity Board waived the requirement for a cost-benefit analysis, the reasons for the waiver.

*None.* A cost benefit analysis was performed for all eight matching programs.

d. A description of any matching agreement that the Data Integrity Board disapproved and the reasons for the disapproval.

None.

e. A description of any violations of matching agreements that have been alleged or identified, and a discussion of any action taken in response.

*None (non-significant changes and clarifications may be noted in renewal agreements).* 

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### **Data Integrity Board Members**

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#### Chairwoman:

#### Ms. Joo Chung

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#### Ms. Bao Anh Trinh

Department of the Air Force Chief, Compliance Division

#### Mr. Rodolph Morrison

Department of the Defense Office of the DoD Chief Information Officer Deputy DoD Records Officer

#### Mr. Erik Ablin

Associate Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel)
DoD Office of the General Counsel

#### Mr. Paul Hadjiyane

General Counsel Office of Inspector General Department of Defense

#### Mr. Michael V. Sorrento

Director

Defense Manpower Data Center

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| Agency                            | Title of Match  | Timelines  | Purpose  | DoD Source<br>or Recipient | Cost Benefit<br>Analysis (CBA) | Federal Register<br>Citation  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Department of Education           | Federal Pell<br>Grant<br>CMA# 14                          | 18 Month Agreement<br>Started: 08/29/2018<br>Expired: 02/28/2020   | To identify Federal student aid applicants who meet the qualifications for increased Federal student financial assistance. <b>Authorities:</b> 20 U.S.C. 1087mm, Federal Perkins Loans (b)(3), Family Contribution; and 20 U.S.C. 1070h, Scholarships for Veteran's Dependents.  | DoD Source<br>Agency       | Favorable                      | 83 FR 35626<br>July 27, 2018  |
| Department of<br>Veterans Affairs | Montgomery GI<br>Bill and Post 9/11<br>GI Bill<br>CMA# 17 | 18 Month Agreement<br>Started: 05/26/2018<br>Expired: 11/25/2019<br>One Year Renewal<br>Started: 11/26/2019<br>Expires: 11/25/2020 | To verify that individuals meet the conditions of military service and eligibility criteria for payment of benefits determined by Veterans Affairs under four enacted programs.  Authorities: 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1606, Educational Assistance for Members of the Selected Reserve; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1607, Educational Assistance for Reserve Component Members Supporting Contingency Operations and Certain Other Operations; 38 U.S.C. Chapter 30, All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program; and 38 U.S.C. Chapter 33, Post-9/11 Educational Assistance. | DoD Source<br>Agency       | Favorable                      | 83 FR 18396<br>April 26, 2018 |

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| Health and<br>Human Services<br>/ Centers for<br>Medicare and<br>Medicaid<br>Services | Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Through a Department of Defense Health Benefits Plan CMA# 18 | 18 Month Agreement<br>Started: 11/30/2018<br>Expires: 05/29/2020 | To assist CMS or a State-based exchange in determining eligibility for the following benefits: (1) advanced payment of the premium tax credit under 26 U.S.C. 236B; and (2) a cost-sharing reduction under Section 1402 of the ACA (42 U.S.C. 18071).  Authorities: 26 U.S.C. 36B, Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan; 26 U.S.C. 5000A, Requirement to maintain minimum essential coverage; 42 U.S.C. 18071, Reduced cost-sharing for individuals enrolling in qualified health plans; 45 C.F.R 155.320(d), Verification related to enrollment in an eligible employer-sponsored plan and eligibility for qualifying in an eligible employer-sponsored plan; 45 CFR 155.330 - Eligibility redetermination during a benefit year, Options for conducting eligibility determinations; 45 C.F.R 305, Eligibility standards. | DoD Source<br>Agency       | Matching Program Justified. Reason: Matching program increases accuracy and timeliness of determinations, resulting in improved and more efficient eligibility determinations. Matching program is less costly than any alternative structure. | 83 FR 54755<br>October 31, 2018  |
| Department of Education   | Benefit Eligibility<br>for Imminent<br>Danger Pay (IDP)<br>or Hostile Fire<br>Pay (HFP)<br>CMA# 19   | 18 Month Agreement<br>Started: 12/20/2019<br>Expires: 06/19/2021 | To provide eligible service members with no-<br>interest accrual benefits on qualifying Title IV loans<br>made under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as<br>amended, during the time those service members<br>were deployed to qualifying locations. <b>Authorities:</b> 20 U.S.C. § 1087e(o) (Section 455(o)<br>of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.)  | DoD Source<br>Agency       | Favorable  | 84 FR 64052<br>November 20, 2019 |

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| Health and<br>Human Services<br>/ Administration<br>for Children and<br>Families | Verification of<br>Continued<br>Eligibility for<br>Public Assistance<br>Reporting<br>Information<br>System (PARIS)<br>CMA# 86 | 18 Month Agreement Started: 07/29/2016 Ended: 01/28/2018  One Year Renewal Started: 01/29/2018 Expired: 01/28/2019  18 Month Agreement Started: 03/30/2019 Expires: 09/29/2020 | To identify Federal personnel who are receiving both Federal compensation or pension benefits and public assistance benefits under Federal programs being administered by the states and to verify public assistance clients' declarations of income circumstances. <b>Authorities:</b> 42 U.S.C. Chapter 7, Social Security; 42 U.S.C. 602, Eligible States; State plan; 42 U.S.C. 1320b-7, Income and Eligibility Verification System; and 42 U. S. C. 1396b(r), Payment to States. | DoD Recipient<br>Agency    | Favorable                      | 81 FR 42335<br>June 29, 2016<br>84 FR 6388<br>February 27, 2019 |
| Veterans<br>Administration   | Disability<br>Compensation<br>Verification<br>CMA# 87   | 18 Month Agreement<br>Started: 06/13/2019<br>Expires: 12/12/2020   | To verify an individual's continuing eligibility for VA benefits by identifying VA disability benefit recipients who return to active duty and to ensure that benefits are terminated if appropriate. <b>Authorities:</b> 38 U.S.C. 5106, Furnishing of Information By Other Agencies; and 38 U.S.C. 5304(c), Prohibition against duplication of benefits .   | DoD Source<br>Agency       | Favorable                      | 84 FR 20968<br>May 13, 2019                                     |

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| Social Security<br>Administration | Verification of<br>Eligibility of<br>SSI/SVB<br>CMA# 88 | 18 Month Agreement Started: 09/14/2016 Ended: 03/14/2018  One Year Renewal Started: 03/15/2018 Expired: 03/14/2019  18 Month Agreement Started: 05/18/2019 Expires: 11/17/2020 | To verify information of applicants for and recipients of Supplement Security Income payments and Special Veterans Benefits with respect to determination of eligibility and calculating payment amounts.  Authorities: 42 U.S.C. 1006(b), Applications and furnishing of information, Verification requirement; 42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B), Administrative Requirements Prescribed By Commissioner; Criteria; Reduction of Benefits To Individual for Noncompliance With Requirements; Payment To Homeless; 42 U.S.C. 1383(f), Furnishing of Information by Federal Agencies; and 42 U.S.C. 1306(a), Disclosure of Information in Possession of Social Security Administration or Department of Health and Human Services; Disclosure prohibited; exceptions. | DoD Source<br>Agency       | Matching Program Justified. Reason: Matching is most efficient means of obtaining information needed for certain recipients / beneficiaries. Alternative of a manual record comparison would impose a considerable administrative burden, a greater intrusion on individual privacy, and result in benefit payment delays or recovery of improper payments / benefits. Net cost is relatively negligible. | 81 FR 52943<br>August 10, 2016<br>84 FR 16133<br>April 17, 2019 |
| Veterans<br>Administration        | Reserve Pay<br>Reconciliation<br>CMA# 89                | <b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 11/14/2018 Expires: 05/13/2020  | To verify eligibility for DoD/U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) members of the Reserve forces who receive Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation or pension to receive, in lieu and upon election, military pay and allowances when performing reserve duty.  Authorities: 10 U.S.C. 12316, Payment of certain Reserves while on duty; and 38 U.S.C. 5304(c), Prohibition against duplication of benefits.   | DoD Source<br>Agency       | Favorable   | 83 FR 51673<br>October 12, 2018                                 |