

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DHS-*****]

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security, COMPONENT

ACTION: Notice of a [New/Modified/Re-established] Matching Program.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the [establishment/re-establishment/significant modification – pick one] of a computer matching program between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), [INSERT COMPONENT] and the [INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT] [EXAMPLE: “DHS-United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Verification Division (DHS/USCIS)/California Department of Social Services (CA-DSS).”]

DATES: [Provide the deadline to submit comments on the proposal, as well as the beginning and ending dates of the matching program.] The inclusive dates of the matching program are from [INSERT DATE], and continuing for 18 months through [INSERT DATE]. The matching program may be extended for up to an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met. Please submit comments on the proposal by [INSERT DATE – 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION]. A new or revised matching program will become effective 30 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register, unless the agency determines that significant changes to the matching notice are necessary, and as such, the agency will publish a revised matching notice and provide an additional 30-day public comment.

ADDRESSES:

You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2017-**<XXXX>** by one of the following methods:

- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202-343-4010.
- Mail: Jonathan R. Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: [**Instruction for submitting general questions about the matching program.**] Individuals wishing to submit general questions on this matching program, including requesting a copy of the Computer Matching Agreement between [**INSERT DHS COMPONENT**] and [**INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT**], may contact: **<Component Privacy Officer or PPOC Name, (Phone), Privacy Officer or Privacy Point of Contact, Component, and Address Information.>** For privacy questions, please contact: Jonathan R. Cantor, (202) 343-1717, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security, [**INSERT COMPONENT**] provides this notice in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-503) and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection

Amendments of 1990 (Public Law 101-508); Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, 54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989); and OMB Circular A-108, 81 FR 94424 (December 23, 2016).

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES: The Department of Homeland Security, [INSERT COMPONENT] [EXAMPLE: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)] is the source agency and the [INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT] [EXAMPLE: California Department of Social Services (CA-DSS)] is the recipient agency.

AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM [Provide the specific authority for conducting the matching program] [EXAMPLE: Section 121 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, Public Law 99-603, as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), Public Law 104-193, 110 Stat. 2168 (1996), requires DHS to establish a system for the verification of immigration status of alien applicants for, or recipients of, certain types of benefits as specified within IRCA, and to make this system available to state agencies that administer such benefits. Section 121(c) of IRCA amends Section 1137 of the Social Security Act and certain other sections of law that pertain to federal entitlement benefit programs. Section 121(c) requires state agencies administering these programs to use DHS-USCIS's verification system to make eligibility determinations in order to prevent the issuance of benefits to ineligible alien applicants. The VIS database is the DHS-USCIS system available to the CA-DSS and other covered agencies for use in making these eligibility determinations.

CA-DSS will access information contained in VIS for the purpose of confirming the immigration status of alien applicants for, or recipients of, benefits it administers in order to discharge its obligation to conduct such verifications pursuant to Section 1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-7(a), et seq.). Pursuant to Section 840 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, verification of applicants for Food Stamps through DHS/USCIS is optional for CA-DSS. CA-DSS has elected to use the VIS and to do so for all alien applicants for Food Stamps for the length of this Agreement.]

PURPOSE(S): [Provide a plain-language description of the agency's purpose(s) for conducting the matching program] [EXAMPLE: To provide the CA-DSS with electronic access to immigration status information contained within DHS-USCIS's Verification Information System (VIS) that will enable CA-DSS to determine whether an applicant is eligible for benefits under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) programs administered by the CA-DSS].

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS: [Provide the categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program] [EXAMPLE: [INSERT COMPONENT] will provide the following to [INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT]: Records in the [INSERT COMPONENT DATABASE] containing information related to the status of aliens and other persons on whom [INSERT COMPONENT] has a record as an applicant, petitioner, or beneficiary.] [INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT] will provide the following to [INSERT COMPONENT]: [INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT] records pertaining to

[EXAMPLE: alien and naturalized/derived United States citizen applicants for, or recipients of, entitlement benefit programs administered by the State.]

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS: [Provide the categories of records involved in the matching program and the specific data elements that are matched]

[INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT] will match the following records with [INSERT COMPONENT] records: [EXAMPLE:

- Alien Registration Number
- I-94 Number
- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Date of Birth
- Nationality
- Social Security number (SSN)

[INSERT COMPONENT] will match the following records with [INSERT STATE AND DEPARTMENT] records: [EXAMPLE:

- Alien Registration Number
- I-94 Number
- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Date of Birth
- Country of Birth (not nationality)

- SSN (if available)
- Date of Entry
- Immigration Status Data
- Sponsorship Information (sponsor's full name, SSN, and address)]

SYSTEM OF RECORDS: [Provide the names and citations of all relevant systems of records and a citation of the system of records notices] [EXAMPLE: DHS/USCIS-004 Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program System of Records Notice, 81 FR 78619 (November 8, 2016)].

Dated:

Jonathan R. Cantor

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Department of Homeland Security.