# RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

# AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (BOP)

Under the provisions of Public Law **100-503**, a computer matching agreement shall remain in effect for such period, not to exceed 18 months, as the Data Integrity Boards of the participating agencies determine is appropriate. However, the Data Integrity Boards may renew the agreement for a period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

- 1. Such program will be conducted without any change; and
- 2. Each party to the agreement certifies to the Boards in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

This is a one-year renewal of the computer matching agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) (the recipient agency) and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) (the source agency). The current agreement was signed by the Data Integrity Boards of the VA and DOJ on March 2, 2023, and March 10, 2023, respectively. The agreement commenced following expiration of the OMB review and Federal Register comment periods on April 9, 2023. This agreement will expire on October 9, 2024.

The following match meets the conditions for recertification:

#### I. <u>Title of Match:</u>

BOP/VA Match

### **II.** Parties to Match:

Recipient Agency: VA/VBA Source Agency: DOJ/BOP

#### **III.** Purpose of the Agreement:

To establish the conditions under which the FBOP agrees to disclose information about incarcerated veterans and other veterans' beneficiaries to VA through a computer-matching program. This disclosure provides VA with information to identify those veterans and other veterans' beneficiaries who are confined for a period exceeding 60 days due to conviction for a felony or a misdemeanor, and who, therefore, may be ineligible to receive full VA benefits.

## IV. Final effective date of Match

October 8, 2024

#### V. Non-substantive Changes

The only changes are to certain contact information.

The DOJ DIB Chair is now Jolene Ann Lauria, and the contact for BOP policy questions is now

Nicole L. Wilson, Security and Program Analyst Information Technology & Data Division (ITDD)

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#### VI. **Agency Certification:**

As designated representatives of the agencies shown in Section II, we certify that the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties, and we also agree to conduct the matching program without change for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards.

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**Executive Director** 

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#### VII. **Data Integrity Board Certification:**

As chairs of the respective Data Integrity Boards, we certify that the Data Integrity Boards have approved the extension of the above agreement.

**JOLENE** LAURIA

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Jolene Ann Lauria Chair, Data Integrity Board Department of Justice

Nicholas Antonetti Director Data Breach Response Service NICHOLAS ANTONETTI Performing the Delegable Duties of: Chair of the VA Data Integrity Board

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