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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4922-N-12]

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of a Computer Matching Program—between HUD and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

SUMMARY: 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, as amended, (Public Law 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989); and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Congress and the Public," the Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD is issuing a public notice of its intent to conduct a recurring computer matching program with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to utilize a computer information system of HUD, the Credit Alert Interactive Verification Reporting System (CAIVRS), with DOJ's debtor files. The CAIVRS database includes delinquent debt information from the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Veteran Affairs and the Small Business Administration. Also, judgment lien data is included from the Department of Justice. This match will allow prescreening of applicants for debts owed or loans guaranteed by the federal government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the federal government. Before granting a loan, a lending agency and/or an authorized lending institution will be able to interrogate the CAIVRS debtor file, which contains the Social Security Numbers (SSNs) of HUD's delinquent debtors and defaulter files of the DOJ and verify that the loan applicant is not in default on a federal judgment or delinquent on direct or guaranteed loans of participating federal programs. As a result of the information produced by this match, the authorized users may not deny, terminate, or make

a final decision on any loan assistance to an applicant or take other adverse action against such applicant, until an officer or employee of such agency has independently verified such information.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Computer matching is expected to begin May 5, 2006 unless comments are received which will result in a contrary determination, or 40 days from the date a computer matching agreement is signed, whichever is later.

Comments Due Date: May 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410.

Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

From Recipient Agency Contact: Jeanette Smith, Departmental Privacy Act Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St., SW., Room P8001, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-2374. (This is not a toll-free number.) A telecommunication device for hearing and speech-impaired individuals (TTY) is available at 800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Service).

Source Agency Contact: Diane E. Watson, Debt Collection Management, Nationwide Central Intake Facility (NCIF), Department of Justice, 1110 Boni Font Street, Suite 220, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910-3358, telephone number (301) 585-2391. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Reporting of a Matching Program: In accordance with Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public;" copies of this notice and report are being provided to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: The matching program will be conducted under the authority of 28 U.S.C. 2301(e) (3611 of the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-647), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-129

(Managing Federal Credit Programs) and A-70 (Policies and Guidelines for Federal Credit Programs). One of the purposes of all Executive departments and agencies—including HUD—is to implement efficient management practices for federal credit programs. OMB Circulars A-129 and A-70 were issued under the authority of the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, as amended; the Budget and Accounting Act of 1950, as amended; the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended; and, the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, as amended.

Objectives To Be Met by the Matching Program: By identifying those individuals or corporations against whom the DOJ has filed a judgment, the federal government can expand the prescreening search of their loan applicants to further avoid lending to applicants who are credit risks.

Records To Be Matched: HUD will utilize its system of records entitled HUD/DEPT-2, Accounting Records. The debtor files for HUD programs involved are included in this system of records. HUD's debtor files contain information on borrowers and co-borrowers who are currently in default (at least 90 days delinquent on their loans); or who have any outstanding claims paid during the last three years on Title II insured or guaranteed home mortgage loans; or individuals who have defaulted on Section 312 rehabilitation loans; or individuals who have had a claim paid in the last three years on a Title I loan. For the CAIVRS match, HUD/DEPT-2, system of records, receives its program inputs from HUD/DEPT-28, Property Improvement and Manufactured (Mobile) Home Loans—Default; HUD/DEPT-32, Delinquent/Default/Assigned Temporary Mortgage Assistance Payments (TMAP) Program; and HUD/CPD-1, Rehabilitation Loans-Delinquent/Default. The DOJ will provide HUD with its debtor files contained in its system of records entitled, Debt Collection Management System, JUSTICE/JMD-006. HUD is maintaining DOJ's records only as a ministerial action on behalf of DOJ, not as part of HUD's HUD/DEPT-2 system of records. DOJ's data contain information on individuals or corporations who have defaulted on federal judgments. The DOJ will retain ownership and responsibility for their system of records that they place with HUD. HUD serves only as a record location and routine use recipient for DOJ's data.

Notice Procedures: HUD will notify individuals at the time of application (ensuring that routine use appears on the application form) for guaranteed or

direct loans that their records will be matched to determine whether they are delinquent or in default on a federal debt. HUD and DOJ will also publish notices concerning routine use disclosures in the **Federal Register** to inform individuals that a computer match may be performed to determine a loan applicant's credit status with the federal government.

Categories Of Records/Individuals Involved: The debtor records include these data elements from HUD's systems of records, HUD/Dept-2: SSN, claim number, program code, and indication of indebtedness. Categories of records include: records of claims and defaults, repayment agreements, credit reports, financial statements, and records of foreclosures, and federal judgment liens. Categories of individuals include former mortgagors and purchasers of HUD-owned properties, manufactured (mobile) home and home improvement loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans, and rehabilitation loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans, and individuals or corporations against whom judgments have been filed by DOJ.

Period of the Match: Matching will begin at least 40 days from the date copies of the signed (by both Data Integrity Boards) computer matching agreements are sent to both Houses of Congress or at least 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later, providing no comments are received which would result in a contrary determination. The matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other in writing to terminate or modify the agreement.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

Lisa Schlosser,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket Number FR-5062-N-01]

Operating Fund Program; Transition Funding and Guidance on Demonstration of Successful Conversion to Asset Management to Discontinue the Reduction of Operating Subsidy

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing; HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On September 19, 2005, HUD published a final rule amending the regulations of The Public Housing Operating Funding Program to adopt a new formula for determining the payment of operating subsidy to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs). The September 19, 2005, final rule contained different transition provisions to determine whether a PHA will have a reduction or an increase in operating subsidy. The Operating Fund Program final rule also provides that PHAs may submit documentation of successful conversion to asset management in order to discontinue their reduction in operating subsidy under the new formula, commonly referred to as the "stop-loss" provision. This notice advises the public that HUD has posted a notice on its Web site (www.hud.gov) providing additional guidance on the calculation of transition funding and how PHAs may qualify for the "stop loss" provision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Hanson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Departmental Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 2000; Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone 202-475-7949 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties should consult notice posted on the HUD Web site, www.hud.gov, for guidance regarding how transition funding will be calculated, the criteria for successful conversion to asset management, and the procedure for submitting documentation of successful conversion to asset management in order to discontinue a reduction in operating subsidy. The portions of the notice pertaining to "stop-loss" apply only to PHAs that: (1) Lose funding under the new formula; and (2) wish to submit documentation in accordance with the requirements for the first stop-loss deadline of October 1, 2006, so they may limit their losses to 5 percent. In order to provide PHAs with sufficient time to prepare for this first stop-loss deadline, HUD has developed the abbreviated requirements set forth in the notice that can be accessed from the HUD Web site. HUD will issue expanded requirements for the subsequent deadline dates to qualify for stop-loss.

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Orlando J. Cabrera,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive (NSLRSDA) Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The fourth meeting of the third Charter period will be held on April 19 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) April 20 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and April 21 (8 a.m. to Noon), 2006, at The Watergate Hotel, 2650 Virginia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

The Committee, comprised of 15 members from academia, industry, government, information science, natural science, social science, and policy/law, will provide the Department of the Interior and USGS management with advice and consultation on defining and accomplishing the NSLRSDA's archiving and access goals to carry out the requirements of the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act; on priorities of the NSLRSDA's tasks; and, on issues of archiving, data management, science, policy, and public-private partnerships.

Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Committee include determining the content of and upgrading the basic data set as identified by the Congress; metadata content and accessibility; product characteristics; availability, and delivery; and, archiving, data access, and distribution policies.

Agenda will be finalized at the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting is open to all members of the interested public and time on the agenda has been reserved at the conclusion of each day's work for the Committee to receive verbal comments (limited to 5 minutes per person) from the public. To speak before the Committee, please register in advance with Mr. John Faundeen (see contact information below), the USGS Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Faundeen, USGS EROS Archivist, USGS EROS, 47914 252nd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57198, 605-594-6092, Faundeen@usgs.gov.