

that an open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the Joint Committee of TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360, or write Barbara Toy, TAP Office, MS-1006-MIL, PO Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI 53201-2105, or FAX to (414) 231-2363, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Barbara Toy.

The agenda will include the following: Discussion of issues and responses brought to the joint committee, office report, and discussion of next meeting.

Dated: January 8, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Wage & Investment Reducing Taxpayer Burden (Notices) Issue Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Wage & Investment Reducing Taxpayer Burden (Notices) Issue Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, February 1, 2007, from 11 a.m. ET.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sallie Chavez at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Wage & Investment Reducing Taxpayer Burden (Notices) Issue Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Thursday, February 1, 2007, from 11 a.m. ET via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the TAP

consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7979, or write Sallie Chavez, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Road, Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Sallie Chavez. Ms. Chavez can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7979, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include: Various IRS issues.

Dated: January 8, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of a computer-matching program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with subsection (e)(12) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a) this notice announces that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), recipient agency, intends to conduct a recurring computer-matching program with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), source agency.

The VA will match pension and parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) records with OPM recipient records. The goal of this match is to compare income status as reported to VA with benefit records maintained by OPM. The authority to conduct this match is 38 U.S.C. 5106.

**DATES:** VA will file a report of the subject matching agreement with the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the House Committee on Government Reform; and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated in this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; by mail or hand-delivery to the Director, Regulations Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the

Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 273-9515 for an appointment. In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Pamela Liverman (212C), (202) 273-7280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), OPM and VA have determined that a computer matching agreement is the most cost effective and efficient way to verify statements of applicants and recipients.

VA has an obligation to verify the income information submitted by individuals in receipt of income-dependent benefits. Title 38 U.S.C. 5106 requires that Federal agencies disclose this information to VA upon request. By comparing the information received through the matching program between VA and OPM on a recurring basis, VA will be able to make timely and more accurate adjustments in the benefits payable.

#### A. Participating Agencies

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### B. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of the matching agreement is to identify beneficiaries receiving VA income dependent benefits and OPM benefits, to update VA's master records and adjust VA income dependent benefit payments as prescribed by law. This agreement reflects both agencies' responsibilities under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the regulations promulgated.

#### C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority to conduct this match is 38 U.S.C. 5106.

#### D. Records to Be Matched

The VA records involved in the match are the VA system of records, Compensation, Pension and Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA (58 VA 21/22), first published at 41 FR 9294 (March 3, 1976), and last amended at 70 FR 34186 (June 13, 2005), with other amendments as cited therein.

The OPM records consist of information from the OPM Civil Service Retirement Pay File identified as OPM Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and

Insurance Records, published at 60 FR 63081, December 8, 1995, and last amended on May 3, 2000, at 65 FR 25775.

#### **E. Description of Computer Matching Program**

VA plans to match records of veterans and surviving spouses and children who receive pension, and parents who receive DIC, with benefit records maintained by OPM. The match with OPM will provide VA with data from OPM civil service benefit records.

VA will provide OPM with a tape, which contains the names, VA claim numbers, social security numbers, verification codes and VA regional office identifiers for all individuals in receipt of income-dependent benefits. OPM will return a tape to VA, which contains information on OPM payment amounts and the surnames in OPM's records that match the names and social security numbers provided by VA.

VA will use this information to update the master records of VA beneficiaries receiving income dependent benefits and to adjust VA benefit payments as prescribed by law. Otherwise, information about a VA beneficiary's income is obtained only from reporting by the beneficiary. The proposed matching program will enable VA to ensure accurate reporting of income.

#### **F. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program**

The match will start no sooner than 30 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, or 40 days after copies of this Notice and the agreement of the parties is submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, whichever is later, and end not more than 18 months after the agreement is properly implemented by the parties. The involved agencies' Data Integrity Boards (DIB) may extend this match for 12 months provided the

agencies certify to their DIBs, within three months of the ending date of the original match, that the matching program will be conducted without change and that the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the original matching program.

This computer-matching program is subject to public comment and review by Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. In accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. subsection 552a(o)(2) and (r), copies of the agreement are being sent to both Houses of Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 as amended by Public Law 100-503.

Approved: December 19, 2006.

**Gordon H. Mansfield,**

*Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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