RECERTIFICATION OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)
AND
THE U.S. 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 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.

The purpose of this recertification is to renew for one year 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 (BOP) (the source agency), signed by the respective Data Integrity Boards on September 8, 2014 and November 24, 2014, respectively.

The following match meets the conditions for recertification:

I. **Title of Match:**

   BOP/VA Match

II. **Parties to the Match:**

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

III. **Purpose of the Agreement:**

   To establish the conditions under which the BOP agrees to disclose information about incarcerated people to VA through a computer-matching program. This disclosure provides VA with information to identify those veterans and other VA 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:**

   June 22, 2016
V. **Non-substantive Changes:**

Not Applicable

VI. **Agency Certification:**

As designated representatives of the agencies shown above, 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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VII. **Data Integrity Board Certification:**

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

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