

the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20220.

No specific form is required, but a request must be written and:

- Be signed and either notarized or submitted under 28 U.S.C. 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization;
- State that the request is made pursuant to the FOIA and/or Privacy Act disclosure regulations;
- Include information that will enable the processing office to determine the fee category of the user;
- Addressed to the bureau that maintains the record (in order for a request to be properly received by the Department, the request must be received in the appropriate bureau's disclosure office);
- Reasonably describe the records;
- Give the address where the determination letter is to be sent;
- State whether or not the requester wishes to inspect the records or have a copy made without first inspecting them; and
- Include a firm agreement from the requester to pay fees for search, duplication, or review, as appropriate. In the absence of a firm agreement to pay, the requester may submit a request for a waiver or reduction of fees, along with justification of how such a waiver request meets the criteria for a waiver or reduction of fees found in the FOIA statute at 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

You may also submit your request online at <https://rdgw.treasury.gov/foia/pages/gofolia.aspx> and call 1-202-622-0930 with questions.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**  
None.

#### **HISTORY:**

Notice of this system of records was last published in full in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 2016 (81 FR 78266) as the Department of the Treasury .015—General Information Technology Access Account Records

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## **U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Open Public Event**

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public event.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following open public event of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review

Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a virtual public release of its 2020 Annual Report to Congress in Washington, DC, on December 1, 2020.

**DATES:** The release is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This release will be held online. Members of the public will be able to view a live webcast via the Commission’s website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov). Please check the Commission’s website for possible changes to the event schedule and instructions on how to submit questions or participate in the question and answer session. Reservations are not required to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the event should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Reservations are not required to attend.

**ADA Accessibility:** For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham at 202-624-1496, or via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Topics To Be Discussed:** The Commission’s 2020 Annual Report to Congress addresses key findings and recommendations for Congressional action based upon the Commission’s hearings, research, and review of the areas designated by Congress in its mandate, including focused work this year on: China’s view of strategic competition with the United States; China’s promotion of alternative global norms and standards; China’s strategic aims in Africa; vulnerabilities in China’s financial system and risks for the United States; U.S.-China links in healthcare and biotechnology; China’s growing power projection and expeditionary capabilities; Taiwan; Hong Kong; and a review of economics, trade, security, political, and foreign affairs developments in 2020.

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as

amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: November 12, 2020.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.

**SUMMARY:** This re-established computer matching agreement (CMA) sets forth the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will disclose return information, relating to unearned income, to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) for the Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies (DIFSLA). The purpose of this CMA is to make available to VBA certain return information needed to determine eligibility for, and amount of benefits for, VBA applicants and beneficiaries of needs-based benefits, and to adjust income-dependent benefit payments, as prescribed by law. Currently, the most cost effective and efficient way to verify annual income of applicants, and recipients of these benefits, is through a computer match.

**DATES:** Comments on this matching notice must be received no later than 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If no public comments are received during the period allowed for comment, the re-established agreement will become effective January 1, 2021 provided it is a minimum of 30 days after the publication date. If VA receives public comments, VA shall review the substance of the comments to determine whether or not VA needs to take other actions. The CMA will be effective 30 days after the publication date even, if public comments are received. This matching program will be valid for 18 months from the effective date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or mailed to VA Privacy Service, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, (005R1A), Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted

in response to VBA DIFSLA Matching Agreement. Comments received will be available at regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection or copies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Victor D. Hall, Program Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service (21P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-8394.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CMA between VA and IRS DIFSLA, expires December 31, 2020. VBA has a legal obligation to reduce the amount of pension and of parents' dependency and indemnity compensation by the amount of annual income received by the VBA beneficiary. VA will use this information to verify the income information submitted by beneficiaries in VA's needs-based benefit programs and adjust VA benefit payments as prescribed by law. By comparing the information received through the matching program between VBA and IRS, VBA will be able to timely and accurately adjust benefit amounts. The match information will help VBA minimize overpayments and deter fraud and abuse. The legal authority to conduct this match is 38 U.S.C. 5106, which requires any Federal department or agency to provide VA such information as VA requests for the purposes of determining eligibility for benefits, or verifying other information with respect to payment of benefits. The VA records involved in the match are in "Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational and Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA (58 VA 21/22/28)," a system of records which was first published at 41 FR 9294 (March 3, 1976), amended and republished in its entirety at 77 FR 42593 (July 19, 2012). The IRS records consist of information from the system records identified as will extract return information with respect to unearned income of the VBA

applicant or beneficiary and (when applicable) of such individual's spouse from the Information Return Master File (IRMF), Treasury/IRS 22.061, at 80 FR 54081-082 (September 8, 2015). In accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 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 Privacy Act of 1974 as amended by Public Law 100-503.

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

**AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:**

The Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and 38 U.S.C. 6103 authorize VA to enter into this CMA with IRS.

**PURPOSE(S):**

To re-establish a CMA with IRS to provide VBA with certain return information needed to determine eligibility for and amount of benefits for VBA applicants and beneficiaries of needs-based benefits and to adjust income-dependent benefit payments as prescribed by law.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS:**

Veterans and beneficiaries who apply for VA income benefits.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS:**

VBA will furnish the IRS with records in accordance with the current IRS Publication 3373, DIFSLA Handbook. The requests from VBA will include: The Social Security Number (SSN) and name Control (first four characters of the surname) for each individual for whom unearned income information is requested. IRS will provide a response record for each individual identified by VBA. The total number of records will be equal to or greater than the number of records submitted by VBA. In some

instances, an individual may have more than one record on file. When there is a match of individual SSN and name control, IRS will disclose the following to VBA: Payee account number; payee name and mailing address; payee TIN; payer name and address; payer TIN; and income type and amount.

**SYSTEM(S) OF RECORDS:**

VBA records involved in this match are in "VA Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA" (58 VA 21/22/28), a system of records that was first published at 41 FR 9294 (March 3, 1976), amended and republished in its entirety at 77 FR 42593 (July 19, 2012). IRS will extract return information with respect to unearned income of the VBA applicant or beneficiary and (when applicable) of such individual's spouse from the Information Return Master File (IRMF), Treasury/IRS 22.061, as published at 80 FR 54081-082 (September 8, 2015).

**SIGNING AUTHORITY**

The Senior Agency Official for Privacy, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Joseph S. Stenaka, Executive Director for Information Security Operations and Chief Privacy Officer, approved this document on October 20, 2020 for publication.

Dated: November 12, 2020.

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