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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Social Security Administration

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Programs (SSA/States Wage, Unemployment Compensation (UC) Files, Match Numbers 1140 and 1142)

AGENCY: SSA, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of computer matching programs.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces computer matching programs that SSA plans to conduct.

DATES: SSA will file a report of the subject matching programs with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. The matching programs will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 966-5138, or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Program and Integrity Reviews, 860 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Associate Commissioner for Program and Integrity Reviews as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503) amended the Privacy Act of 1979 (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal Government could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990, set out in section 7201 of Pub. L. 101-508, further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals. The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the

use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. Among other things, it requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Make written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain their Data Integrity Boards' approval of the match agreements;

(3) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget;

(4) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that these computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: December 15, 1994.

Shirley S. Chater,

Commissioner of Social Security.

Notice of Computer Matching Programs, States' Income Eligibility Verification System Records With the Social Security Administration (SSA)

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and the States.

B. Purpose of the Matching Programs

Section 1137 of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires individual States to have in effect an income and eligibility verification system which meet certain requirements. Among other requirements, such a State verification system must provide for certain exchanges of information when relevant information may be of use in establishing or verifying eligibility or benefit amounts under benefit programs affected by the statute.

The purpose of these matching programs is to enable SSA to implement procedures consistent with requirements of section 1137 of the Act. The agreements with the States will describe the conditions under which SSA and the States agree to disclose information to each other relating to the eligibility for, and payment of, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Programs

Section 1137 of the Act (a)(4)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1320b-7).

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Programs

SSA will provide the States with a finder file containing names and other identifying information of beneficiaries/recipients from SSA's benefit rolls. This information will be matched by each State with its wage and unemployment compensation files and a reply file of matched records will be furnished to SSA. Upon receipt of a State's reply file, SSA will match the names from the State file with the names on SSA's records to ensure that the State data pertain to the relevant Social Security or SSI recipients.

E. Inclusive Dates of the Match

The matching program shall become effective 40 days after a copy of the agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Board, is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (or later if OMB objects to some or all of the agreement), or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching programs will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit.

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

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Applicant: ENSR Consulting and Engineering, Florence, Alabama.

The applicant requests a permit to take (trap, survey, and monitor) the Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*), Choctawahatchee beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus allophrys*),