United States Department of Justice 2020 Annual Computer Matching Agreement Activity Report

1. Name and Address of Reporting Agency

U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

2. Current Information about the Composition of the Data Integrity Board (DIB)

a) List of the names and positions of the members of the DIB:

Lee J. Lofthus Assistant Attorney General for Administration

Michael E. Horowitz Inspector General

Peter Winn Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer Director, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties

b) Acting Secretary of the DIB (as of 8/1/2021)

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c) DIB Membership Changes

There were no changes to membership of the DOJ DIB in 2020. The DIB Secretary was Arthur E. Gary throughout 2020.

3. Computer Matching Programs

a) List of Matching Programs

1. <u>Department of Education (ED) and Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Affairs (BJA):</u>

This agreement matches data from applications for student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) with data from the BJA computer information system, Denial of

Federal Benefits Clearinghouse System (DEBARS), to identify applicants who are ineligible for HEA benefits.

2. <u>Department of Justice, DCMS, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS)</u>:

The IRS provides DOJ with the mailing addresses of taxpayers so that DOJ may notify the delinquent debtor/taxpayer of enforcement action to collect or compromise debts owed to the United States.

3. <u>Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and Bureau of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA):</u>

BOP will disclose information about individuals who are in federal prison so VBA can match with recipients of benefits.

b) Links

The matching notices and matching agreements currently in effect and posted on the DOJ website can be found here: https://www.justice.gov/opcl/computer-matching-agreements-and-notices

c) Accounting

The DOJ DIB has no reason to believe that DOJ and its components have not fully adhered to the terms of the matching agreements during this reporting period.

The DOJ DIB affirms that all disclosures of agency records for use in the matching program continue to be justified.

4. Cost-Benefit Waivers

The DOJ DIB did not waive the requirement for a cost-benefit analysis for any of the approved matching agreements during 2020. The DOJ DIB required a favorable cost-benefit ratio for all approved matches. The DOJ components implementing each matching program continue to consider the programs to be cost-effective.

5. Disapprovals

The DOJ DIB did not disapprove any matching agreements during 2020.