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*C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program*

Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, Pub. L. 108–173, section 101, 117 Stat. 2066 (2003) and section 1106 (42 U.S.C. 1306) of the Social Security Act.

*D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program*

RRB will provide CMS with an electronic data file (transmitted via SSA) containing annuity payment data from RRB's system of records, RRB–22 Railroad Retirement, Survivor, and Pensioner Benefits System, entitled Checkwriting Integrated Computer Operation (CHICO) Benefit Payment Master. The records furnished to CMS will be limited to "Medicare eligible" annuities. These are annuitants who are entitled to Medicare Part A or are within 3 months of attainment of age 65. CMS will then match the RRB data with data maintained in the MBD, System No. 09–70–0536 published in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 63392 (December 6, 2001).

*E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program*

The matching program will become effective upon signing of the agreement by both parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program 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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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefit Administration (VA/ VBA)/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS))—Match Number 1303**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new computer matching program that SSA will conduct with VA/VBA and CMS.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 965–8582 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs, 245 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs as shown above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. General**

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 100–503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by describing the manner in which computer matching involving Federal agencies could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (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. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal agencies;
- (3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;
- (4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;
- (5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(6) 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 all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: April 2, 2004.

**Martin H. Gerry,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.*

**Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefit Administration (VA/VBA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**

*A. Participating Agencies*

SSA/VA/VBA/CMS.

*B. Purpose of the Matching Program*

The purpose of this matching program is to establish conditions under which VA/VBA agrees to the disclosure of Federal compensation and pension payment data to CMS via SSA. These disclosures will provide CMS with information to use in verifying an individual's self-certification of eligibility for Transitional Assistance under the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card Program provided under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. SSA receives pertinent data from VA/VBA for existing computer matches, and is in a position to provide this data to CMS upon approval of the appropriate computer matching agreements.

*C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program*

The legal authority for this computer matching program is contained in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, Pub. L. 108–173, section 101, 117 Stat. 2066 (2003) and section 1106 (42 U.S.C. 1306) of the Social Security Act.

*D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program*

**1. Specified Data Elements Used in the Match**

a. VA/VBA will electronically furnish CMS (transmitted via SSA) with the following Federal compensation and pension payment data: SSN, name, date of birth and VA claim number on both

the VA file and the SSR, and the payment date.

b. To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the program, SSA will receive the data from VA/VBA and transmit it to CMS.

c. CMS will match this file against their database of prescription benefit participants and/or applicants.

## 2. Systems of Records

VA/VBA will provide CMS (transmitted via SSA) with electronic files containing compensation and pension payment data from its system of records entitled the Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records-VA (58VA21/22). Routine use 21 of 58VA21/22 and routine use 3 of 60-0103 permits disclosure of the subject records for matching purposes. CMS will match the VA/VBA information with the electronic data from the following system of records: Medicare Beneficiary Data Base, System Number 09-70-0536, published at 67 FR 63392 (December 6, 2001).

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

The matching program will become effective upon signing of the agreement by all parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program 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 STATE

### [Public Notice 4683]

### **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals: International Sports Programming Initiative**

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for International Sports Programming Initiative. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to discuss approaches designed to enhance

and improve the infrastructure of youth sports programs in the countries of Africa, South East Asia, Near East, and South Asia with significant Muslim populations.

In Africa, the following countries are eligible: Senegal, Mali, Nigeria, Benin, Chad, Mauritania, Niger and Cameroon. The eligible countries in South East Asia are: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. In the Near East and North Africa eligible countries are: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq; Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen. Eligible countries in South Asia are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

**Important Note:** This Request for Grant Proposals contains language in the "Shipment and Deadline for Proposals" section that is significantly different from that used in the past. Please pay special attention to procedural changes as outlined.

**Announcement Name and Number:** All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the "Open Competition for International Sports Programming Initiative" and reference number: ECA/PE/C/ WHAEAP-04-61. Please refer to title and number in all correspondence or telephone calls to the Office of Citizen Exchanges.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Interested organizations/institutions may contact the Office of Citizen Exchanges, room 216, SA-44, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone number 202/260-5491, fax number 202/260-0440, or [HarveyRH@state.gov](mailto:HarveyRH@state.gov) to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package contains detailed award criteria, required application forms, specific budget instructions, and standard guidelines for proposal preparation. Please specify Bureau Program Officer, Raymond H. Harvey, on all other inquiries and correspondence. Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

**To Download a Solicitation Package Via Internet:** The entire Solicitation Package also may be downloaded from the Bureau's Web site at <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/RFGPs>. Please read all information before downloading.

## Program Information

### *Overview*

The Office of Citizen Exchanges welcomes proposals that directly respond to the following thematic areas. Given budgetary limitations, projects for other themes and other countries will not be eligible for consideration under the FY-2004 International Sports Program Initiative.

### *Training Sports Coaches*

The World Summit on Physical Education (Berlin, 1999) stated that a "quality physical education helps children to develop the patterns of interest in physical activity, which are essential for healthy development and which lay the foundation for healthy, adult lifestyles." Coaches are critical to the accomplishment of this goal. A coach not only needs to be qualified to provide the technical assistance required by young athletes to improve, but must also understand how to aid a young person to discover how success in athletics can be translated into achievement in the development of life skills and in the classroom. Projects submitted in response to this theme would be aimed at aiding youth, secondary school and university coaches in the target countries in the development and implementation of appropriate training methodologies, through seminars and outreach. The goal is to ensure the optimal technical proficiency among the coaches participating in the program while also emphasizing the role sports can play in the long-term economic well being of youth.

### *Youth Sports Management Exchange*

Exchanges funded under this theme would help American and foreign youth sport coaches, adult sponsors, and sports associations officials share their experience in managing and organizing youth sports activities, particularly in financially challenging circumstances, and would contribute to better understanding of role of sports as a significant factor in educational success. Americans are in a good position to convey to the foreign counterparts the importance of linking success in sports to educational achievement and how these two factors can contribute to short-term and long-term economic prospects.

### *Youth With Disability*

Exchanges supported by this theme are designed to promote and sponsor sports, recreation, fitness and leisure events for children and adults with physical disabilities. Project goals