

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of Secretary****National Security Education Program, National Flagship Language Initiative; Advanced Language Institutional Grants Pilot Program****AGENCY:** Department of Defense.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Security Education Program (NSEP) announces a special competition for Advanced Language Institutional Grants under a pilot program. The competition is administered for NSEP by the National Foreign Language Center (NFLC), University of Maryland.

DATES: Grant Solicitations will be available online beginning Monday, April 1, 2002. Proposals must be received no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2002. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Obtain copies of the solicitation, beginning April 1, 2002 via Internet at <http://www.nfl.org>. Requests for copies of the proposal to those who are unable to obtain copies through the Internet should be directed by email to NFLC at: flagships@nflc.org or by fax: 301-403-1754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Thomas W. Gething, Deputy Director, National Foreign Language Centers, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, #300, College Park, Maryland 20742; Electronic mail address: tgetting@nflc.org

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Logistics Agency****Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program****AGENCY:** Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice of a computer matching program.

SUMMARY: Subsection (e)(12) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), requires agencies to publish advanced notices of any proposed or revised computer matching program by the matching agency for public comment. The Department of

Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), as the matching agency under the Privacy Act, compensation and pension is hereby giving notice to the record subjects of a computer matching program between Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) and the Department of Defense (DoD) that their records are being matched by computer. The purpose of the computer matching program is to attempt to verify eligibility for VA Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefits by matching veteran's record of those benefits with the military service record of veterans eligible for those benefits for themselves or their beneficiaries.

DATES: This proposed action will become effective May 1, 2002, and matching may commence unless changes to the matching program are required due to public comments or by Congressional or by Office of Management and Budget objections. Any public comment must be received before the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Any interested party may submit written comments to the Director, Defense Privacy Office, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 920, Arlington, VA 22202-4502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Vahan Moushegian, Jr. at (703) 607-2943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), the VA OIG and DMDC have concluded an agreement to conduct a computer matching program between agencies. The purpose of the computer matching program is to attempt to verify eligibility for VA C&P benefits by matching veteran's record of those benefits with the military service record of veterans eligible for those benefits for themselves or their beneficiaries.

The parties to this agreement have determined that a computer matching program is the most efficient, expeditious, and effective means of obtaining and processing the information needed by VA OIG to verify the military service record of veterans eligible for VA (C&P) benefits, to identify potential fraudulent payments to fictitious veterans, and to identify payments that should be adjusted where the beneficiary is not entitled to all or part of the VA C&P benefits received. The principal alternative to using a computer matching program for identifying such individuals would be to conduct a manual comparison of all veterans or their beneficiaries receiving VA (C&P) benefits with the other files. Conducting a manual match, however,

would clearly impose a considerable administrative burden, constitute a greater intrusion on the individual's privacy, and would result in additional delay in the eventual response to possible fraud and abuse. By comparing the information received through the computer matching program between VA OIG and DMDC on a recurring basis, information on successful matches (hits) can be provided to VA to initiate research on these discrepancies, thus assuring that benefit payments are proper.

A copy of the computer matching agreement between VA OIG and DoD is available upon request. Requests should be submitted to the address caption above or to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General (52CO), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Set forth below is the notice of the establishment of a computer matching program required by paragraph 6.c. of the Office of Management and Budget Guidelines on computer matching published on June 19, 1989, at 54 FR 25818.

The matching agreement, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, and an advance copy of this notice was submitted on March 20, 2002 to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget pursuant to paragraph 4d of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records about Individuals' dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: March 25, 2002.

L.M. Bynum,*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.***Notice of a Computer Matching Program Agreement Between; Office of the Inspector General, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Defense Manpower Data Center, the Department of Defense for Verification of Eligibility***A. Participating Agencies*

Participants in this computer matching program are the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) and the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). The VA OIG is the source agency, i.e., the activity