that an open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the joint Committee of TAP consider a written statement, please call 1–888–912–1227 or (414) 231–2360, or write Barbara Toy, TAP Office, MS–1006–MIL, PO Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI 53201–2105, or FAX to (414) 231–2363, or you can contact us at http://www.improveirs.org. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Barbara Toy.

The agenda will include the following: Discussion of issues and responses brought to the joint committee, office report, and discussion of next meeting.


John Fay,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), OPM and VA have determined that a computer matching agreement is the most cost effective and efficient way to verify statements of applicants and recipients.

VA has an obligation to verify the income information submitted by individuals in receipt of income-dependent benefits. Title 38 U.S.C. 5106 requires that Federal agencies disclose this information to VA upon request. By comparing the information received through the matching program between VA and OPM on a recurring basis, VA will be able to make timely and more accurate adjustments in the benefits payable.

A. Participating Agencies

B. Purpose of the Match
The purpose of the matching agreement is to identify beneficiaries receiving VA income dependent benefits and OPM benefits, to update VA’s master records and adjust VA income dependent benefit payments as prescribed by law. This agreement reflects both agencies’ responsibilities under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the regulations promulgated.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program
The authority to conduct this match is 38 U.S.C. 5106.

D. Records to Be Matched
The VA records involved in the match are the VA system of records, Compensation, Pension and Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA (58 VA 21/22), first published at 41 FR 9294 (March 3, 1976), and last amended at 70 FR 34186 (June 13, 2005), with other amendments as cited therein.

The OPM records consist of information from the OPM Civil Service Retirement Pay File identified as OPM Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and